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March 12, 2012

Scott D. Hall
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Milford, ME 04461-0276

Re: **DE 12-033**, Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC's Application for Class I Eligibility of New Incremental New Production of the Milford Hydroelectric Project Pursuant to RSA 362-F.

Dear Mr. Hall:

On January 31, 2012, Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC (Black Bear Hydro) submitted an application requesting certification for 1.4 megawatts of new incremental production from two new generating units brought on-line at the Milford Hydroelectric Project (Milford Project) in late 2011, pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Upon receipt of the application Staff requested that confidential information be removed from the submission; on February 7, 2012, Black Bear Hydro submitted a revised and completed application. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval.

The Milford Project is a run-of-river hydroelectric generating facility with an original gross nameplate generating capacity of 6.4 megawatts of electricity. The two new turbine/generator units increase the combined nameplate capacity of the project to 7.8 megawatts. The Milford Project commenced initial commercial operations in 1906, and the two new generating units were brought on-line in late 2011. The Milford Project's generation is transmitted to a station transformer located at Bangor Electric Company's on-site substation.

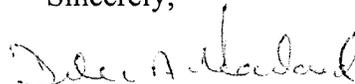
The application provides documentation that the project has met all the requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In addition, Black Bear Hydro has provided documentation of over \$3.9 million in improvements to the Milford Project to demonstrate that the incremental new production is the result of capital investment and not operational changes pursuant to Puc 2502.07. The NEPOOL GIS facility code has

been verified as MSS 16296. The ISO-New England asset identification number is ISO-NE#: 16296.

The Commission has reviewed the Black Bear Hydro application and determined that all the necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate that the incremental new production of electricity meets all the requirements of Puc 2502.02 and is eligible for certification as a New Hampshire Class I facility. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies that the incremental new production of the Milford Project is a Class I renewable energy source effective February 7, 2012 and is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class I Renewable Energy Certificates.

Attached please find a copy of the notice of this certification provided to the GIS administrator. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for the Milford Project facility is NH-I-12-005.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

Enclosure

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RE: **DE 12-033**, Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC's Application for Class I Eligibility of Incremental New Production of the Milford Hydroelectric Project Pursuant to RSA 362-F.

Dear Mr. Webb:

Pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC's (Black Bear Hydro) application for Class I eligibility for the incremental new production of the Milford Hydroelectric Project (Milford Project) as a Class I facility, effective February 7, 2012. The Milford Project is a run-of-river hydroelectric generating facility with an original gross nameplate generating capacity of 6.4MW; with the addition of two new turbine/generator units, the new combined nameplate capacity of the project is 7.8 MW. The Milford Project, located off Davenport Street in Milford, ME, commenced initial commercial operations in 1906, and the two new generating units were brought on-line in late 2011. Black Bear Hydro is seeking certification for the 1.4 megawatts of incremental new production of electricity.

The NEPOOL GIS facility code has been verified as MSS 16296. The ISO-New England asset identification number is ISO-NE#: 16296. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for the new incremental production at Milford Project facility is NH-I-12-005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Scott D. Hall, Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC

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