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## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION** 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10

Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

July 30, 2012

Re: DE 12-192, Enel Green Power North America, Inc.'s Eligibility Request for the Sweetwater Hydroelectric, Inc. – Lower Valley Hydroelectric Facility to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272

Dear Mr. Poirier:

Marc Poirier

General Manager East Region

One Tech Drive, Suite 200 Andover, MA 01810

Enel Green Power North America, Inc.

On July 09, 2012, Enel Green Power North America, Inc. (Enel Green Power) filed on behalf of Sweetwater Hydroelectric, Inc. (Sweetwater Hydroelectric) an application requesting Class IV certification for its Lower Valley Hydroelectric Project (Lower Valley Hydro) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, noting that the Sweetwater Hydroelectric application was completed on July 09, 2012 in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

Pursuant to Laws of 2012, Chapter 272, existing small hydroelectric facilities with a total nameplate capacity of one megawatt (MW) or less are eligible for Class IV RECs if they are in compliance with applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) fish passage restoration requirements, and are interconnected with an electric distribution system located in New Hampshire. Lower Valley Hydro is located on the Sugar River in the City of Claremont, NH.

Sweetwater Hydroelectric provided FERC approvals for Lower Valley Hydro under Project Number 6756-000, as well as pertinent pages of the interconnection agreement with Central Vermont Public Service (CVPS). Lower Valley Hydro is interconnected to distribution equipment that Public Service Company of New Hampshire acquired via the CVPS acquisition in 2004. Water power facilities have been located at the site since 1860; the start-date for commercial operation was May 28, 1992. The nameplate generation capacity is .9 MW of electricity.

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Website: www.puc.nh.gov The Commission has reviewed the Sweetwater Hydroelectric application and determined that all the necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate that the Lower Valley Hydro facility is eligible for Class IV certification. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies Lower Valley Hydro as a Class IV renewable energy source eligible to be issued New Hampshire RECs effective on July 09, 2012.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 10406. 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 Lower Valley Hydro is NH-IV-12-027.

Sincerely,
Dale A. Worland

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IV-12-027

Dear Mr. Webb:

cc:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Sweetwater Hydroelectric, Inc., Lower Valley Hydroelectric Project (Lower Valley Hydro) as eligible for Class IV RECs effective July 09, 2012 as required by NH RSA 362-F. Accordingly, Lower Valley Hydro is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs.

Lower Valley Hydro is located on the Sugar River in the City of Claremont, NH. The facility began commercial operation May 28, 1992 and has a nameplate capacity of .9 MW of electricity. Enel Green Power has provided evidence that Lower Valley Hydro operates in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (License Number 6756-000) as well as pertinent pages of the interconnection agreement with Central Vermont Public Service (CVPS). Lower Valley Hydro is interconnected to distribution equipment that Public Service Company of New Hampshire acquired via the CVPS acquisition in 2004.

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Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

Marc Poirier, Enel Green Power North America, Inc.

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.