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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

July**3**0, 2012

Andrew Locke Vice President Hydro Management Group, LLC c/o Essex Hydro Associates, LLC 55 Union Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02108

Re: **DE 12-199**, Hydro Management Group, LLC's Eligibility Request for the Franklin Falls Hydroelectric Corporation – Franklin Hydroelectric Project to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272

Dear Mr. Locke:

On July 10, 2012, Hydro Management Group, LLC (Hydro Management Group) filed on behalf of Franklin Falls Hydroelectric Corporation an application requesting Class IV certification for its Franklin Hydroelectric (Franklin Hydro) project 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 Franklin Hydro application was completed on July 10, 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. Franklin Hydro is located on the Winnipesaukee River in the City of Franklin, NH, approximately one-half mile above the confluence of the Winnipesaukee and the Pemigewasset Rivers with the Merrimack River.

Franklin Falls Hydroelectric Corporation provided FERC approvals under project number (6950-000) for Franklin Hydro, as well as a copy of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. Franklin Hydro began commercial operation February 01, 1978; the nameplate capacity generation is .800 MW of electricity.

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Website: www.puc.nh.gov The Commission has reviewed the Franklin Falls Hydroelectric Corporation application and determined that all the necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate that the Franklin Hydro facility is eligible for Class IV certification. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies Franklin Hydro as a Class IV renewable energy source and eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs effective on July 10, 2012.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 882. 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 Franklin Hydroelectric Project is NH-IV-12-024.

Sincerely, Delie A. Voulul

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James Webb Registry Administrator APX Environmental Markets 224 Airport Parkway, Suite 600 San Jose, CA 95110

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New Hampshire Certification Code NH-II-12-024.

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Franklin Falls Hydroelectric Corporation – Franklin Hydroelectric (Franklin Hydro) project as a Class IV renewable energy source effective July 10, 2012 pursuant to NH RSA 362-F. Accordingly, Franklin Hydro is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs.

Franklin Hydro is located on the Winnipesaukee River in the City of Franklin, NH, approximately one-half mile above the confluence of the Winnipesaukee and the Pemigewasset Rivers with the Merrimack River. The facility began commercial operation on February 01, 1978, and has a nameplate capacity of .800 MW of electricity. Hydro Management Group, LLC has provided evidence that Franklin Hydro operates in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission fish passage restoration requirements (Project Number 6950-000), and has provided a copy of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 882. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IV-12-024.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

cc: Andrew Locke, Hydro Management Group, LLC

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a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND

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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.