

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Intra-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DE 12-269, REM Partnership's Request for Class II Eligibility for the Photovoltaic Array located at 2 North Main Street, Newport, NH, Pursuant to RSA 362-F
Staff Recommends Eligibility be Granted

TO: Chairman Amy L. Ignatius
Commissioner Robert R. Scott
Commissioner Michael Harrington
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

CC: Jack K. Ruderman, Director of the Sustainable Energy Division
Suzanne Amidon, Staff Attorney

Summary

On September 12, 2012, the PUC received an application requesting that the REM Partnership's photovoltaic facility be granted eligibility for Class II RECs. Staff reviewed the REM Partnership application requesting certification of its .0228 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic array and recommends approval, noting that the REM Partnership application was completed on September 12, 2012 in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

Analysis

To qualify as a facility eligible to produce RECs, Puc 2505.02 (b) requires the source to provide the following:

- 1) *The name and address of the applicant:* The applicant is REM Partnership, 2 North Main Street, PO Box 539, Newport, NH 03773.
- 2) *A complete list of the equipment used at the facility, including the meter and, if applicable, the inverter:* Equipment used at the facility includes Yingli YGE Series YL 245P-29b panels, two (2) Fronius IG Plus V 11.4-3 IG Plus inverters, a Elster Watthour Meter A1D+ and other appurtenances.
- 3) *The name, license number and contact information of the installer of the applicable generation or solar heating equipment, or a statement that the equipment was installed directly by the customer:* The system's installer was Prudent Living, Inc.,

3189b US Rt. 5, Windsor, VT 05089. The electrician was Matt Smith, Brite Lite Electric, NH license number 13148M.

- 4) *The name and contact information of the seller of the applicable generation or heating equipment:* The seller of the applicable generation equipment was Prudent Living, Inc., 3189b US Rt. 5, Windsor, VT 05089.
- 5) *The name and contact information of the independent monitor of the source:* The Independent Monitor is Paul Button, Energy Audits Unlimited, 85 Yvette Street, Manchester, NH.¹
- 6) *A copy of the interconnection agreement pursuant to Puc 307.06, if applicable, between the applicant and the distribution utility:* An interconnection agreement between McCrillis & Eldredge Insurance and Public Service Company of New Hampshire dated May 23, 2012, was included with the application.
- 7) *An attestation by the applicant that the project is installed and operating in conformance with any applicable building codes:* Linda D. Rice, McCrillis & Eldridge Insurance provided a notarized attestation that the information contained in the application is true and accurate.
- 8) *For an installation with electric output, documentation of the applicable distribution utility's approval of the installation:* The Interconnection Agreement with PSNH confirms the approval of the installation.

RSA 362-F:6 requires the renewable portfolio standard program to utilize the regional generation information system (GIS) of energy certificates administered by ISO-New England. The GIS facility code assigned to REM Partnership is NON 34380.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the REM Partnership photovoltaic facility application for Class II RECs and can affirm it is complete pursuant to N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500. Staff recommends that the Commission certify the REM Partnership photovoltaic facility as being eligible for Class II RECs effective September 12, 2012, the date on which Staff was able to make a determination that the facility met the requirements for certification as a Class II renewable energy source.

¹ Paul Button, was approved as an independent monitor by the Commission on June 14, 2010.