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Re: DE 12-309, Fiske Hydro, Inc., Application for Certification as a Class I REC
Eligible Facility - Letter of Deficiency and Request for Additional Information

Dear Mr. Short:

On July 11, 2016, the Commission received the application you filed on behalf of Fiske Hydro, Inc. (Fiske Hydro) for Class I renewable energy certificate (REC) eligibility for the Fiske Hydro Project located in Hinsdale, New Hampshire.

The Fiske Hydro facility is licensed by FERC to operate as a 0.81 megawatt (MW) facility and upgrades are being made to bring the facility to full capacity by the end of June 2017. Fiske Hydro previously requested and received Class IV REC eligibility based on its electric generation nameplate capacity of 0.81 MW. The facility is registered with the NEPOOL Generation Information System under facility code MSS 15201.

Commission Staff has reviewed the application and concluded that it lacks sufficient information to support Fiske Hydro's request to approve the Fiske Hydro facility for Class I REC eligibility under the repowered 80% tax basis criteria set forth in RSA 362-F:4, I (j).

Staff therefore requests the following additional information in support of the Fiske Hydro application for Class I REC eligibility:

1. Provide a detailed description of the various capital improvements that have been made to the facility; a chronology for these improvements; the cost of the various improvements; and any future plans and schedules for future improvements to be made to the facility.
2. Provide detailed analysis and back-up documentation to support the required 80% tax basis determination, under RSA 362-F:4, I (j).

3. Describe how Fiske Hydro has complied with all of the conditions of the 2005 update to the PSNH interconnection report (Attachment 4 to the application), and whether there have been or are anticipated to be any further amendments of the PSNH Operating Agreement (i.e., the facility interconnection agreement).
4. Verify the current nameplate capacity of the Fiske Hydro facility. The application lists the current capacity as 385 KW, but also states that the capacity would be increased to 605 KW by the end of July 2016.

Please note that Fiske Hydro is free to request confidential treatment for capital cost and tax basis information it believes should be exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV, and the Commission would review any such request using the applicable balancing test which considers the private interest in non-disclosure and the general public interest in governmental transparency and accountability.

The Commission seeks to clarify these issues to ensure that the record supports a determination regarding Fiske Hydro's eligibility as a Class I source of renewable energy certificates based on the repowered 80% tax basis criteria set forth in RSA 362-F:4, I (j).

Please refer to docket number **DE 12-309** in your correspondence with the Commission. Your response should include an original and two copies sent to the attention of the Commission's Executive Director:

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Please also send an electronic copy via email to executive.director@puc.nh.gov, and copy me at barbara.bernstein@puc.nh.gov. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct line is 603-271-6011. I look forward to working with you on this matter.

Sincerely,



Barbara Bernstein
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David K. Wiesner, NHPUC Staff Attorney
Cameron MacLeod III, President/Owner, Fiske Hydro, Inc.

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