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December 10, 2012

Gregory E. Morse, ERP  
Sr. Power Analyst  
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Re: DE 12-314, Vermont Public Power Supply Authority's Eligibility Request on behalf of the Swanton Village Electric Department for the Incremental Production Generated by the Highgate Falls Unit #5 Spillway Generator to Produce Class I New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates Pursuant to RSA 362-F.

Dear Mr. Morse:

On October 25, 2012, Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) submitted an application requesting certification for .572 megawatts of new incremental production from the Highgate Falls Unit #5 (Highgate Falls #5) spillway generator installed in the spillway of the existing Highgate Falls generation facility pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Staff has determined that the application was complete as submitted and recommends Commission approval for Highgate Falls #5 spillway generator as a Class I renewable energy source effective October 25, 2012.

The Highgate Falls #5 spillway generator began operation on March 13, 2012. Initial operation of the primary Highgate Falls generating station was in January 1928. The primary station has nameplate generation capacity of 11.39 MW for a total plant nameplate capacity of 11.964 MW. Certification is requested only for the new incremental production represented by the .572 MW spillway generator.

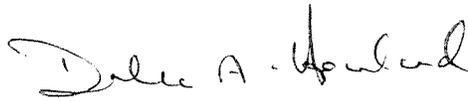
The Highgate Falls facility is located on the Missisquoi River, in Swanton Village, Vermont and operates under FERC order 2547-001. The Swanton Village Electric Department is the owner of the Highgate Falls generating station; the generating station is within the electric service territory for the utility and does not require an interconnection agreement.

In addition, VPPSA has provided documentation of over \$199,450 in improvements to the Highgate Falls generation facility to demonstrate that the incremental new production is the result of capital investment and not operational changes pursuant to Puc 2502.07. The Highgate Falls #5 spillway generator has been verified as NON35237 in the NEPOOL generation information system; it is listed separately from the Highgate Falls generation facility.

The Commission has reviewed the Highgate Falls #5 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 Highgate Falls #5 spillway generator is a Class I renewable energy source effective October 25, 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 Highgate Falls #5 spillway generator is NH-I-12-087.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

Enclosure

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James Webb  
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New Hampshire Certification Code NH-I-12-087

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the incremental production from the Swanton Village – Highgate Falls hydroelectric facility's Highgate Falls Unit #5 (Highgate Falls #5) spillway generator as a Class I renewable energy source effective October, 25, 2012 pursuant to NH RSA 362-F. Accordingly, Highgate Falls #5 is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class I RECs.

Highgate Falls #5 is located on the Missisquoi River, in Franklin County, Vermont, and has a nameplate capacity of .572 MW of electrical production. The spillway generator began operation on March 13, 2012. Initial operation of the primary Highgate Falls generating station was in January 1928. The Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA), who submitted the application, has provided evidence that Highgate Falls #5 operates in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission fish passage restoration requirements (Project Number 2547-001). The Swanton Village Electric Department is the owner of the Highgate Falls generating station; the generating station is within the electric service territory for the utility and does not need an interconnection agreement. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is NON 35237. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-I-12-087.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debra A. Howland'.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

cc: Gregory Morse, VPPSA

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