

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Department Communication

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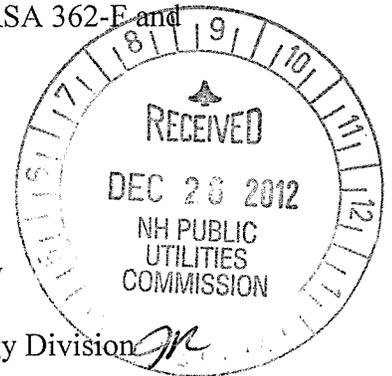
**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

**FROM:** Barbara Bernstein *BB*  
Sustainable Energy Analyst

**SUBJECT:** **DE 12-339**, Hydro Management Group, LLC's Eligibility Request for the Sugar River Hydroelectric Power Company – Sugar River 1 Hydroelectric Facility to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272  
**Staff Recommends that 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 *JR*  
Suzanne Amidon, Staff Attorney



### *Summary*

On November 20, 2012, Hydro Management Group, LLC (Hydro Management) submitted an application requesting Class IV certification for the Sugar River Hydroelectric Power Company – Sugar River 1 Hydroelectric Facility (Sugar River 1 Hydro) facility pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272. Staff has reviewed the Hydro Management certification request for Sugar River 1 Hydro's .150 megawatts (MW) of electrical production and has determined that it meets the eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, as a Class IV hydro facility and complies with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500. Staff has determined that the application was complete as submitted and recommends Commission approval for Sugar River 1 Hydro as a Class IV renewable energy source effective November 20, 2012.

### *Analysis*

Pursuant to Laws of 2012, Chapter 272, Class IV existing small hydroelectric facilities of one megawatt or less may apply for RECs if they are in compliance with applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) fish passage restoration requirements and interconnected with an electric distribution system located in New

Hampshire.<sup>1</sup> 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 application was filed by Hydro Management Group LLC, (Hydro Management), 55 Union Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02108 on behalf of Sugar River Hydroelectric Power Company.
- 2) *The name and location of the facility:* Sugar River 1 Hydro is located on the Sugar River in Newport, NH.
- 3) *The ISO-New England asset identification number (if available).* The facility's asset identification number is 898.
- 4) *The GIS facility code if available.* The NEPOOL GIS facility code has been verified as MSS 898.
- 5) *A description of the facility including fuel type, gross nameplate generation capacity, the initial commercial operation date, and the date it began operation, if different.* Sugar River 1 Hydro is operated as a run-of-river facility that includes a 125-foot long and 93-foot high dam, a penstock, a powerhouse and other appurtenances. The gross nameplate capacity generation is .150 MW of electricity. The project began commercial operation September 01, 1986.
- 6) *(N/A – pertains to biomass sources).*
- 7) *All other necessary regulatory approvals, including any reviews, approvals or permits granted by the department.* An Order Granting Exemption From Licensing (FERC Project Number 3320) was provided for Sugar River 1 Hydro.
- 8) *Proof that the applicant either has an approved interconnection study on file with the commission, is a party to a currently effective interconnection agreement, or is otherwise not required to undertake an interconnection study.* A copy of the Interconnection Agreement between Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) and William B. Ruger, Jr./dba/Sugar River Hydroelectric Power Co. dated May 18, 1986 was provided.
- 9) *(N/A – pertains to biomass sources).*
- 10) *A description of how the generation facility is connected to the distribution utility.* Sugar River 1 Hydro is interconnected with the PSNH electric distribution system.
- 11) *A statement as to whether the facility has been certified under another non- federal jurisdiction's renewable portfolio standard and proof thereof.* Sugar River 1 Hydro

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<sup>1</sup> On July 19, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 25,394 which waives the requirements of Puc 2502.10 insofar as the requirements conflict with the certification of the new category of hydroelectric facilities created by the enactment of Chapter 272.

is not currently certified as a renewable energy resource in any non-federal jurisdiction's renewable portfolio standard.

- 12) *A statement as to whether the facility's output has been verified by ISO New England.*  
The facility's output has been verified by ISO New England and the facility is listed in the GIS database.
- 13) *A description of how the facility's output is reported to the GIS if not verified by ISO-New England.* Not applicable.
- 14) *An affidavit by the owner attesting to the accuracy of the contents of the application.*  
An affidavit signed by Andrew Locke, Vice President, Hydro Management was provided with the application.
- 15) *The name and telephone number of the facility's operator, if different from the owner.* The facility operator is William Ruger, President, Sugar River Hydroelectric Power Company; his telephone number is 603-863-6332.
- 16) *Such other information as the applicant wishes to provide to assist in classification of the generating facility.* All information required to complete the application was provided.

***Recommendation***

Staff has reviewed the Sugar River 1 Hydro application for Class IV certification and can affirm it is complete pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500. Staff recommends that the Commission certify Sugar River 1 Hydro as a Class IV renewable energy source effective November 20, 2012.