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April 29, 2013

Robert E. King
President
Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc
42 Hurricane Road
Keene, NH 03431

Re: **DE 13-109**, Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc.'s Eligibility Request for the Minnewawa Hydroelectric Facility to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F

Dear Mr. King:

On April 12, 2013, Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc., (Ashuelot River Hydro) submitted an application requesting Class IV certification for the Minnewawa Hydroelectric (Minnewawa Hydro) project pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, noting that the Minnewawa Hydro application was complete as submitted on April 12, 2013, in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

Pursuant to Chapter 272, Laws of 2012, 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.

Minnewawa Hydro is located on the Minnewawa Brook in Marlborough, NH. FERC Order Issuing License (Project #7887-001), qualifying Minnewawa Hydro was provided with the application; therefore, the facility is in compliance with applicable FERC requirements including those related to fish passage restoration. A copy of the Operating Agreement for Purposes of Wheeling between Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) and Marlborough Hydro Associates was provided. An Order Approving Transfer of License from Marlborough Hydro Associates to Ashuelot River Hydro was also provided. The gross nameplate generation capacity is one MW of electricity. The project began commercial operation October 30, 1991.

The Commission has reviewed the Minnewawa Hydro application and determined that all the necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate that it is eligible for Class IV certification. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies Minnewawa Hydro as a Class IV renewable energy source eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs effective April 12, 2013.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 794. 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 Minnewawa Hydro is NH-IV-13-037.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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James Webb
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New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IV-13-037

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Minnewawa Hydroelectric (Minnewawa Hydro) project as a Class IV renewable energy source effective April 12, 2013, pursuant to NH RSA 362-F. Accordingly, Minnewawa Hydro is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs.

Minnewawa Hydro is located on the Minnewawa Brook in Marlborough, NH, and has a nameplate capacity of one megawatts of electrical production. The project began commercial operation October 30, 1991. FERC Order Issuing License (Project #7887-001), qualifying Minnewawa Hydro on July 14, 1986, was provided with the application; therefore, the facility is in compliance with the applicable FERC requirements including those related to fish passage restoration. The operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire was also provided with the application. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 794. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IV-13-037.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Robert E. King, PE, President, Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc.

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