# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Intra-Department Communication** 

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**SUBJECT:** Applications for Certification as REC Eligible Facilities:

DE 14-117 Jeff Sweet DE 14-127 Sarah P. McClennen DE 14-118 Ann Bennett DE 14-128 Maurice Bransdorfer DE 14-119 Daniel Connors DE 14-129 Kristen Durocher

DE 14-126 Gregg Williams

**TO:** Chairman Amy L. Ignatius

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### Summarv

On May 1, 2014, the Commission received applications filed by the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) requesting Class II eligibility for NHEC member photovoltaic (PV) arrays<sup>1</sup> and inclusion in the NHEC aggregation<sup>2</sup>. The applicants include: Jeff Sweet (Sweet); Ann Bennett (Bennett); and Daniel Connors (Connors).

On May 16, 2014, the Commission received the following additional applications from NHEC: Gregg Williams (Williams); Sarah P. McClennen (McClennen); Maurice Bransdorfer (Bransdorfer); and, Kristen Durocher (Durocher).

The Commission, in a non-adjudicative process, is required to issue a determination of whether a facility meets a particular classification within 45 days of receipt of a completed application. The above-named customer-sited PV facilities were approved for operation by NHEC in 2014 and meet the Class II eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, II. Based on review of the applications, Staff recommends that the Commission certify the Sweet, Bennett, and Connors PV arrays as eligible facilities for Class II RECs to be included as part

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law Class II eligibility requires a facility to produce electricity from solar technologies that began operation after January 1, 2006 (RSA 362-F:4, II).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Commission granted NHEC such status on May 12, 2009 in DE 09-006. On April 9, 2010, the Commission also granted NHEC the authority to aggregate customer-sited sources pursuant to Puc 2506. See DE 10-060.

of the NHEC aggregation effective as of May, 1, 2014. Staff further recommends the Williams, McClennen, Bransdorfer, and Durocher PV arrays for certification and inclusion in the NHEC aggregation effective May 16, 2014.

Overview

Details for the facilities are listed in the following table:

Commission Assigned Docket #	Facility Owner	Facility Location	Equipment Vendor	Installing Electrician	Operation Date <sup>3</sup>	Effective Date to Produce RECs	Total MW listed in application (DC Arrays)
DE 14-117	Sweet	Andover	ReVision Energy	William Levay	04-24-14	05-01-14	0.00765
DE 14-118	Bennett	Jackson	ReVision Energy	William Levay	04-11-14	05-01-14	0.00702
DE 14-110	Connors	Chester	ReVision Energy	William Levay	04-15-14	05-01-14	0.00765
DE 14-126	Williams	Gilmanton	Trulight Energy Group	Steven J. Moore	04-21-14	05-16-14	0.004845
DE 14-127	McClennen	N. Woodstock	Frase Electric, LLC	Kim Frase	05-08-14	05-16-14	0.00405
DE 14-128	Bransdorfer	Plymouth	PAREI	Larry Mauchly	05-05-14	05-16-14	0.0055
DE 14-129	Durocher	N. Woodstock	Frase Electric, LLC	Kim Frase	05-14-14	05-16-14	0.00424

These facilities are customer-sited sources and therefore:

- The New England Independent System Operator asset identification number is not applicable;
- The output is not recorded in the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Market Settlement System; and,
- The output must be monitored and verified by an independent monitor (Puc 2505.09).

NHEC is identified as the independent monitor.<sup>4</sup> In addition to reporting each source's output to the Commission, NHEC will include the total output of these facilities when it reports the total output of all of its Class II eligible facilities, under the name *NHEC Class II Aggregation*, to the NEPOOL Generation Information System.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> NHEC considers the operation date listed in the table above, and in Appendix E of each application, to be the date on which NHEC inspected each facility and installed a revenue quality meter to record the electricity that will be eligible for Class II RECs. The date listed in each interconnection application pertains to the installation and interconnection of the facility and may be different than the operation date listed in the above table.

As the distribution utility, NHEC provided a copy of the approved interconnection agreements for these facilities. In addition, signed attestations approving the installation, operation and conformance with any applicable building codes were provided for each facility.

## Recommendation

Staff has reviewed NHEC's applications for the photovoltaic arrays located at the above-named facilities and can affirm all are complete pursuant to Puc 2505.08. Staff recommends that the Commission certify the Sweet, Bennett, and Connors PV arrays as Class II REC eligible facilities for to be included as part of the NHEC aggregation effective as of May 1, 2014. Staff further recommends that the Commission certify the PV arrays and inclusion in the NHEC aggregation for the Williams, McClennen, Bransdorfer, and Durocher facilities effective May 16, 2014.

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