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July 1, 2014

Heather Manypenny
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Re: DE 14-131, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Application for Certification as a REC Eligible Facility-Sandro, LLC

Dear Ms. Manypenny:

On May 19, 2014, the Commission received an application filed by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC) requesting Class IV eligibility for the Sandro, LLC (Sandro) hydroelectric facility. Staff has reviewed the NHEC certification request for Sandro's 0.05 megawatt (MW) of electrical production and has determined that it meets Class IV hydro eligibility requirements.¹ Staff has determined that the application was complete as submitted and recommends Commission approval for Sandro as a Class IV renewable energy source, effective as of May 19, 2014.

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. The Sandro hydroelectric facility is exempt from both FERC and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) regulatory requirements due to its size and time of construction.²

The Sandro hydroelectric facility is located on the Bear Camp River, at 38 Plummer Mill Pond Road, Sandwich, New Hampshire. NHEC provided the cover page and the signature page of the Interconnection Agreement By and Between New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Sandro, LLC signed April 28, 2014.

¹ Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4 and New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

² DES Staff verified that dams of four feet or less, such as the Sandro hydroelectric facility dam, are exempt from DES requirements.

The facility initially began commercial operation in 1981, but was shut down for nearly 20 years prior to 2014. The facility resumed operation on May 5, 2014, after minor repairs and a refreshed interconnection with NHEC were completed.

The Commission has reviewed the Sandro hydroelectric facility application and determined that all the necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate that it is eligible for Class IV certification. Accordingly, the Commission hereby certifies the Sandro hydroelectric facility as a Class IV renewable energy source eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs, effective as of May 19, 2014.

The facility's NEPOOL Generation Information System (GIS) facility code is NON 38119. 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 Sandro hydroelectric facility is NH-IV-14-061.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

Encl.

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Re: DE 14-131, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Application for Certification as a REC Eligible Facility - Sandro, LLC
New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IV-14-061

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Sandro, LLC (Sandro) hydroelectric facility as a Class IV renewable energy source, effective as of May 19, 2014, pursuant to N.H. RSA 362-F. Accordingly, the Sandro hydroelectric facility is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs as of such date.

The Sandro facility is located on the Bear Camp River, at 38 Plummer Mill Pond Road, Sandwich, New Hampshire, and has a nameplate capacity of 0.05 megawatt (MW) of electrical production. The facility initially began operation in 1981, but was shut down for nearly 20 years prior to 2014. The facility resumed operation on May 5, 2014, after completion of minor repairs and a refreshed interconnection with New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. Sandro is exempt from both FERC and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services requirements because the dam is less than four feet high. DES Staff verified that dams of four feet or less, such as the Sandro hydroelectric facility dam, are exempt from DES requirements. Proof of an interconnection agreement was provided with the application. The facility's NEPOOL Generation Information System facility code is NON 38119. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IV-14-061.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Heather Manypenny, NHEC
Brenton Tolles, Sandro, LLC

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