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December 5, 2014

David M. Kyle, P.E.
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Re: DE 14-296, Androscoggin Valley Hospital Application for Certification as a REC
Eligible Facility – Class I Thermal

Dear Mr. Kyle:

On October 14, 2014, the Commission received an application filed by Yeaton Associates, Inc. (Yeaton Associates) on behalf of Androscoggin Valley Hospital. Yeaton Associates is requesting interim Class I Thermal renewable energy certificate (REC) eligibility¹ for Androscoggin Valley Hospital's 2.4527 megawatt (MW) equivalent,² thermal biomass facility.

Staff has reviewed the Androscoggin Valley Hospital certification request and has determined that the project meets the eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, I(e), as an interim Class I Thermal facility and complies with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500. Staff recommends the Commission grant interim approval for the Androscoggin Valley Hospital thermal biomass facility as a Class I Thermal renewable energy source, effective as of March 21, 2014.³ This review reflects recommended changes to the interim Proposed Amendments to Puc 2500.

The Androscoggin Valley Hospital, is located at 59 Paige Hill Road, Berlin, NH 03570. The primary contact for Androscoggin Valley Hospital is Stephen McMann, Director of Facilities. The thermal biomass project began commercial operation on March 21, 2014. The application included a letter from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) stating that the stack test report for Androscoggin Valley Hospital was found to be technically acceptable and within the threshold for eligibility to participate in the REC Class I thermal program.

¹ Pursuant to Proposed Amendments to Puc 2500 as contemplated by Order No. 25,678 (June 19, 2014) issued in Docket No. DRM 14-095 effective as of July 23, 2014.

² Androscoggin Valley Hospital's boiler system has a rated thermal capacity of 8,368,750 Btu/hr. The gross output is 250 Boiler Horsepower (BHP). Megawatts = BHP x 8,368,750 / 3,412,000.

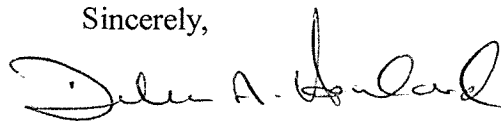
³ The facility began operation March 21, 2014. Consistent electronic data tracking began after September 1, 2014. Yeaton Associates has provided methodology based on fuel consumption for the March 21, 2014 through August 1, 2014 and daily recorded tracking for September.

The Androscoggin Valley Hospital thermal biomass project is registered as account number 15628 in the NEPOOL-GIS system. The NEPOOL-GIS unit identification code for the Androscoggin Valley Hospital useful thermal capacity has been verified as NON 43842. The application lists Wayne G. Fillion, Yeaton Associates, as the independent monitor.

The Commission has reviewed the Androscoggin Valley Hospital thermal biomass project application and has determined that all necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate that the thermal biomass facility meets all of the requirements of the Proposed Amendments to Puc 2500 as contemplated by Order No. 25,678 (June 19, 2014) issued in Docket No. DRM 14-095 effective as of July 23, 2014 and is eligible for interim certification as a New Hampshire Class I Thermal biomass facility. Accordingly, the Commission hereby grants interim approval for the Androscoggin Valley Hospital thermal biomass facility as a Class I Thermal renewable energy source, effective as of March 21, 2014.

Attached please find a copy of the notice of this certification provided to the NEPOOL-GIS administrator. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for the Androscoggin Valley Hospital thermal biomass project is NH-IT-14-144.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

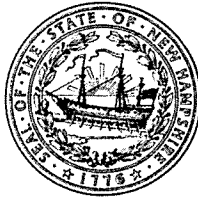
cc: Stephen McMann, Director of Facilities, Androscoggin Valley Hospital

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Re: DE 14-296, Androscoggin Valley Hospital Application for Certification as a REC Eligible Facility – Class I Thermal **New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IT-14-144**

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has granted interim certification for the Androscoggin Valley Hospital's 2.4527 megawatt (MW) equivalent,¹ thermal biomass facility as a Class I Thermal renewable energy source, effective as of March 21, 2014, pursuant to N.H. RSA 362-F. Accordingly, Androscoggin Valley Hospital is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class I thermal RECs as of such date.

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