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SUBJECT: DE 14-320, Kohler & Lewis Engineering, Registration for Adam S. Kohler, P.E. as an Independent Monitor of Useful Thermal Energy Production
Staff Recommends Approval

TO: Chairman Martin P. Honigberg
Commissioner Robert R. Scott
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

CC: David K. Wiesner, Staff Attorney 

Summary

On November 14, 2014, the Commission received an application from Kohler & Lewis Engineering, requesting that Adam S. Kohler, P.E. be approved as an independent monitor for useful thermal energy production. As an independent monitor, Mr. Kohler will be authorized to verify useful thermal energy production for New Hampshire-based sources qualifying for renewable energy certificates (RECs). Staff recommends that the Commission grant this request pursuant to Puc 2505.09.

Analysis

An independent monitor who verifies useful thermal energy production is required to be a professional engineer licensed by the State of New Hampshire and in good standing, or to hold one of the other certifications specified in Puc 2505.09(d). As a licensed professional engineer in the State of New Hampshire, Mr. Kohler qualifies as an independent monitor for useful thermal energy production.

Puc 2505.09(e) requires an applicant seeking to be approved as an independent monitor to file an application with the Commission that includes:

1. *The name of the applicant.* The applicant is Adam S. Kohler, P.E., Kohler & Lewis Engineering.
2. *The business address of the applicant.* Kohler & Lewis Engineering is located at 27 Mechanic Street, Keene, NH 03431.
3. *A copy of the license issued by the state of New Hampshire or such other qualifying certification as may be applicable.* A copy of the professional engineer license in the State of New Hampshire issued for Adam S. Kohler was provided with the application.

4. *A description of how the applicant will be compensated for its services.* Mr. Kohler will be compensated at a rate of \$150.00 per hour. The independent monitor shall not receive compensation for monitoring services that is a function of the number of certificates issued to any source using the independent monitor.¹

No source producing useful thermal energy shall use an independent monitor who is a member of the immediate family of the owner of the source, holds a direct or indirect ownership interest in the source, or who sold or installed the renewable energy system and associated equipment.²

The duties of the independent monitor of useful thermal energy production shall be:

1. To perform an initial inspection of the source's meters for accuracy and capability to measure the useful thermal energy produced, unless the meter is owned by a distribution utility that has already inspected it pursuant to Puc 305;
2. To measure quarterly the source's useful thermal energy production used to qualify for certificates pursuant to the GIS operating rules; and
3. To report the production of useful thermal energy from the source and the REC calculation to the customer, to the GIS quarterly in accordance with the GIS operating rules, and to the Commission annually no later than January 31 for the preceding year.³

An independent monitor shall provide the Commission with notice prior to discontinuing services as an independent monitor.⁴

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the application to qualify Adam S. Kohler as an independent monitor of useful thermal energy production and can attest that the applicant has provided the information necessary to demonstrate that he meets the requirements set forth in Puc 2505.09. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission approve Mr. Kohler as an independent monitor of useful thermal energy production, pursuant to Puc 2505.09.

¹ Pursuant to Puc 2505.09(j).

² Pursuant to Puc 2505.09(g).

³ Pursuant to Puc 2505.09(i).

⁴ Pursuant to Puc 2505.09(k).

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