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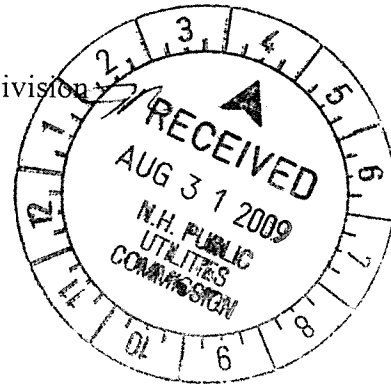
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SUBJECT: DE 09-132, William P. Short on behalf of Richey Properties, L.L.C.'s
Certification Application for Class I Eligibility of the Richey Wind
Power Facility Pursuant to RSA 362-F: Staff Recommendation

TO: Chairman Thomas B. Getz
Commissioner Clifton C. Below
Commissioner Amy L. Ignatius
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

CC: Jack K. Ruderman, Director of the Sustainable Energy Division
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Summary

On July 27, 2009, William P. Short III submitted an application on behalf of Richey Properties, L.L.C. (Richey Properties) requesting the Commission grant approval of the Richey wind power facility (Richey facility) to produce Class I renewable energy certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, I, Class I eligibility requires a facility to have begun the production of electricity after January 1, 2006 and to use certain sources to produce electricity, one of which is wind energy.

Pursuant to RSA 362-F, the Commission, in a non-adjudicative process, must issue a determination of whether a facility meets a particular classification within 45 days of a completed application. The Richey facility application was completed on July 27, 2009. The Richey facility meets the Class I eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, I. The applicant has complied with the N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500 and has provided all the necessary information. Based on its review of the application, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Richey facility as eligible for Class I RECs effective July 27, 2009.

Analysis

The Richey facility is a 0.63 megawatt (MW) Elecon Turbowinds T600-48DS wind power facility that began operation on February 13, 2009. The facility is located at 40 Parker Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts. The Richey facility's output that is sold to Massachusetts Electric Company (MEC) is verified by MEC and is reported under MSS 16183 to ISO New England, Inc. The Richey facility's electrical output that is consumed behind-the-meter by Mark Richey Woodworking is verified and reported to the NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) by William P. Short under the NEPOOL GIS facility code NON 32749.¹

Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (b) (8), the applicant must submit proof that it has "an approved interconnection study on file with the commission, is a party to a currently effective interconnection agreement, or is otherwise not required to undertake an interconnection study." The applicant submitted and Staff verified an interconnection agreement with MEC effective February 1, 2009.

Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (b) (11), the applicant shall include a statement as to whether the facility has been certified under another non-federal jurisdiction's renewable portfolio standard and proof thereof. The Richey facility has been certified in Massachusetts as a Class I renewable generation unit and is awaiting certification in Maine as a Class I new renewable resource.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the Richey facility application and can affirm it is complete pursuant to N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500. Staff recommends that the Commission certify the Richey facility as being eligible for Class I RECs effective July 27, 2009, the date on which Staff was able to make a determination that the facility met the requirements for certification as a Class I renewable energy source.

¹ The applicant provided an e-mail communiqué between Howard B. Bernstein of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and Grace Parisi, of Richey Properties, LLC, dated July 10, 2009, stating that DOER approves William P. Short as the independent third party monitor for Richey Wind.