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Andrew Locke Vice President Hydro Management Group, LLC c/o Essex Hydro Associates, LLC 55 Union Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02108.

Re: DE 12-198, Hydro Management Group, LLC Request for the Bath Electric Power Company, Ammonoosuc River Dam Hydroelectric Project's Eligibility to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F and Laws of 2012, Chapter 0272

Dear Mr. Locke:

On July 10, 2012, Hydro Management Group, LLC (Hydro Management Group) submitted an application requesting Class IV certification for the Bath Electric Power Company, Ammonoosuc River Dam Hydroelectric Project (Ammonoosuc River Dam) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law and Laws of 2012, Chapter 0272. Ammonoosuc River Dam is located on the Ammonoosuc River in the Town of Bath, NH, approximately four miles above the confluence of the Ammonoosuc and Connecticut Rivers. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, noting that Ammonoosuc River Dam application was completed on July 10, 2012 in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

Pursuant to Laws of 2012, Chapter 0272, 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. FERC project number (4609-000) was provided for the Ammonoosuc River Dam, as well as a copy of the Operating Agreement for Purposes of Wheeling and Power Sales between Public Service Company of New Hampshire, (PSNH) and Bath Electric Power Company, dated January 1, 2008. The Ammonoosuc River Dam began commercial operation August 01, 1928 and has a nameplate capacity of 400 kilowatts of electricity.

The Commission has reviewed the Ammonoosuc River Dam application and determined that all the necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate that it is eligible for Class IV certification. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies the Ammonoosuc River Dam as a Class IV renewable energy source effective on July 10, 2012 and eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV Renewable Energy Certificates.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 824. 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 Ammonoosuc River Dam Hydroelectric Project t is NH-IV-12-023.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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Registry Administrator

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Request for the Bath Electric Power Company, Ammonoosuc River Dam Hydroelectric Project's Eligibility to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F and Laws of 2012, Chapter 0272 New Hampshire Certification Code NH-II-12-023

Dear Mr. Webb:

cc:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Bath Electric Power Company, Ammonoosuc River Dam Hydroelectric Project (Ammonoosuc River Dam) as a Class IV renewable energy source effective July 10, 2012 pursuant to NH RSA 362-F. Accordingly, the Ammonoosuc River Dam is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs.

The Ammonoosuc River Dam is located on the Ammonoosuc River in the Town of Bath, NH, approximately four miles above the confluence of the Ammonoosuc and Connecticut Rivers. The facility began commercial operation on August 01, 1928 and has a nameplate capacity of .400 MW of electricity. Hydro Management Group, LLC has provided evidence that the Ammonoosuc River Dam operates in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission fish passage restoration requirements (Project Number 4609-000), and has provided a copy of the Operating Agreement for Purposes of Wheeling and Power Sales between Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) and Bath Electric Power Company, dated January 1, 2008. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 824. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IV-12-023.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Andrew Locke, Hydro Management Group, LLC

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Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.