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SUBJECT: DE 12-200, Powerhouse Systems, Inc., Application for Weston Dam Solar Certification as a REC Eligible Facility
Staff Recommends Approval

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

CC: Jack K. Ruderman, Director of the Sustainable Energy Division 
David J. Shulock, Staff Attorney

Summary

On February 27, 2014, the Commission received an application filed by Power House Systems requesting Class II New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) eligibility for the 0.044 megawatt (MW) Weston Dam Solar photovoltaic (PV) array that will be part of the Andrew Locke – Hydro Management Group's¹ (Hydro Management Group) approved aggregation pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law.²

The Commission, in a non-adjudicative process, is required to issue a determination of whether a facility meets a particular classification within 45 days of receipt of a completed application. The above-named facility is a customer-sited source and meets the Class II eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, II. Based on review of the application Staff recommends Commission approval for Weston Dam Solar as an eligible Class II facility to be included in the Hydro Management Group aggregation, effective as of February 27, 2014.

Analysis

To qualify as a REC eligible facility, Puc 2505.08 (b) requires the source to provide the following information:

¹ The Commission approved Andrew Locke, Hydro Management Group, LLC /Essex Hydro Associates, LLC as an aggregator of Class II March 10, 2013, DE 14-032.

² Class II eligibility requires a facility to produce electricity from solar technologies that began operation after January 1, 2006 (RSA 362-F:4, II).

1. *The name and address of the applicant.* Power House Systems provided the following information:

Name	Facility Address	City	State	Zip
Weston Dam Solar	80a Elm Street	Lancaster	NH	03584

The physical location of the facility is Groveton.

2. *A complete list of the equipment used at the facility, including the meter and, if applicable, the inverter.* The following equipment was used at these facilities:

Weston Dam Solar	
Quantity	Equipment Type
14	PVSW270 Solar World Grid Tie System
1	Fronius CL 44 kW
1	Netmetering meter
0.044	Nameplate Capacity (megawatts)

3. *The name, license number and contact information of the installer of the applicable generation or solar heating equipment, or a statement that the equipment was installed directly by the customer.*

Applicant	Installer Name	Address	Electrician/ License #
Weston Dam Solar	Smart Energy	PO Box 45 Colebrook, NH 03584	Rodney Smith 1077M

4. *The name and contact information of the seller of the applicable generation or heating equipment.* The installer and equipment vendor are one and the same.
5. *The name and contact information of the independent monitor of the source.* This facility is a customer-sited source and its output must be monitored and verified by an independent monitor pursuant to Puc 2509.09. The application states that William Short, Energy Audits Unlimited, will monitor the output of this facility and will report the facility's output quarterly to the NEPOOL Generation Information System and annually to the customer and the Commission as part of the Hydro Management Group's Class II aggregation pursuant to N.H. Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2505.08 and 2505.09.
6. *A copy of the interconnection agreement pursuant to PUC 307.06, if applicable, between the applicant and the distribution utility.*

Applicant	Utility	Interconnection Agreement	Date*
Weston Dam Solar	PSNH	Interconnection Standards for Inverters Sized Up To 100 KVA, Simplified Process Interconnection Application & Service Agreement	11-12-13

* The date the utility approved the facility installation.

7. *An attestation by the applicant that the project is installed and operating in conformance with any applicable building codes.* An affidavit signed by Gregory Cloutier was provided with the application.
8. *For an installation with electric output, documentation of the applicable distribution utility's approval of the installation.*

Applicant	Utility	Utility Approval	Date*
Weston Dam Solar	PSNH	Certificate of Completion for Simplified Process Interconnections	12-30-13

* The date the system passes the electrical inspection.

RSA 362-F:6 requires the renewable portfolio standard program to utilize the regional generation information system (GIS) of energy certificates administered by ISO-New England. Hydro Management Group requires each of its participants to acquire a separate GIS facility code.

Applicant	GIS Facility Code
Weston Dam Solar	NON 39169

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the application for the Weston Dam Solar PV array and participation in the Hydro Management Group aggregation and can affirm it is complete pursuant to Puc 2505.08. Staff has determined that this facility meets the requirements for certification as a Class II renewable energy source. Further, Staff recommends Commission approval for Weston Dam Solar as an eligible Class II facility to be included in the Hydro Management Group aggregation, effective as of February 27, 2014.

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