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July 30, 2012

Bob King President Ashuelot River River Hydro, Inc. 42 Hurricane Road Keene, NH 03431

Re: **DE 12-207**, Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc.'s Eligibility Request for the Lower Robertson Hydroelectric Project to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272

Dear Mr. King:

On July 11, 2012, Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc. submitted an application requesting Class IV certification for the Lower Robertson Hydroelectric (Lower Robertson Hydro) project pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, noting that the Lower Robertson Hydro application was completed on July 11, 2012 in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

Pursuant to Laws of 2012, Chapter 272, 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. Lower Robertson Hydro is located in Winchester, NH, one mile from the Ashuelot Hydroelectric facility.

Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc. provided FERC approvals for Lower Robertson Hydro under project number (8235-001) as well as a copy of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The start date for commercial operation was May 1987; the nameplate capacity generation is .900 MW of electricity.

The Commission has reviewed the Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc. application for Lower Robertson Hydro 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 Lower Robertson Hydro as a Class IV renewable energy source eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs effective on July 11, 2012.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 895. 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 Lower Robertson Hydro is NH-IV-12-031.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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Re: DE 12-207, Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc.'s Eligibility Request for the Lower Robertson Hydroelectric Project 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-IV-12-031

Dear Mr. Webb:

cc:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc. (Ashuelot River Hydro), Lower Robertson Hydroelectric project (Lower Robertson Hydro) as a Class IV renewable energy source effective July 11, 2012 pursuant to NH RSA 362-F. Accordingly, Lower Robertson Hydro is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs.

Lower Robertson Hydro is located one mile from the Ashuelot Hydroelectric facility in Winchester, NH and has a nameplate capacity of .9 MW of electricity. The project began commercial operation in May 1987. Ashuelot River Hydro has provided evidence that Lower Robertson Hydro operates in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission fish passage restoration requirements (Project Number 8235-001), and has provided a copy of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 895. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IV-12-031.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

Bob King, PE, President, Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc.

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- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.