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January 23, 2013

Bulmaro Landa Director, Asset Management Algonquin Power Company 2845 Briston Circle Oakville, Ontario, Canada L6H7H7

Re: **DE 12-364**, Algonquin Power Company's Application for the Mine Falls Hydroelectric Limited Partnership – Mine Falls Hydroelectric Project's Certification for Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates Pursuant to RSA 362-F

Dear Mr. Landa:

On December 24, 2012, Algonquin Power Company, (Algonquin Power) submitted an application requesting Class IV certification for the Mine Falls Hydroelectric Limited Partnership (Mine Falls Hydro Partnership) – Mine Falls Hydroelectric project (Mine Falls Hydro) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, noting that the Mine Falls Hydro application was complete as submitted on December 24, 2012 in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

Pursuant to RSA 362-F, existing small hydroelectric facilities with a total nameplate capacity of five megawatts (MW) or less are eligible for Class IV RECs if they have installed both upstream and downstream diadromous fish passages and such installations are approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and are interconnected with an electric distribution system located in New Hampshire.

Mine Falls Hydro is located on the Nashua River in the City of Nashua, NH. Algonquin Power provided FERC approvals for Mine Falls Hydro under project number 3442 as well as pertinent pages of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The project began commercial operation in 1986; the nameplate generation capacity is 3 MW of electricity.

The Commission has reviewed the Algonquin Power – Mine Falls Hydro 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 Mine Falls Hydro as a Class IV renewable energy source eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs effective on December 24, 2012.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 869. 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 the Mine Falls Hydro is NH-IV-13-003.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

cc: April Meyer, Manager of Technical Services, Algonquin Power

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Re: DE 12-364, Algonquin Power Company's Application for the Mine Falls Hydroelectric Limited Partnership – Mine Falls Hydroelectric Project's Certification for Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates Pursuant to RSA 362-F New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IV-13-003

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Mine Falls Hydroelectric Limited Partnership (Mine Falls Hydro Partnership) – Mine Falls Hydroelectric Project (Mine Falls Hydro) facility as a Class IV renewable energy source effective December 24, 2012 pursuant to RSA 362-F. Accordingly, Mine Falls Hydro is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs.

Mine Falls Hydro is located on the Nashua River in the City of Nashua, NH, and has a nameplate capacity of 3 MW of electrical production. The project began commercial operation in 1986. Algonquin Power has provided evidence that Mine Falls Hydro has installed diadromous fish passages approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Project Number 3442) and has provided pertinent pages of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 869. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IV-13-003.

Sincerely, Ju. A. Harland

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

cc: Bulmaro Landa, Director, Asset Management, Algonquin Power Co. April Meyer, Manager of Technical Services, Algonquin Power Co.

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