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SUBJECT: DE 14-032, Andrew Locke, Application for Registration as an
Aggregator of Renewable Energy Credits
Staff Recommends Registration Be Approved

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 
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Summary

On February 3, 2013, the Commission received a request from Andrew Locke, Hydro Management Group, LLC /Essex Hydro Associates, LLC (Hydro Management) to be registered by the Commission as an aggregator of RECs generated by customer-sited sources pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2506. Hydro Management has served as an aggregator of small Class IV hydro facilities. Since there are no specific rules for the aggregation of non-customer-sited sources, this aggregation has taken place with the Generation Information System (GIS).

A customer previously approved for small hydro is now planning to install a photovoltaic system and has requested that Hydro Management continue to provide aggregation services. Staff has reviewed the Hydro Management request and has determined that it meets the eligibility requirements under Puc 2506 and recommends approval effective January 30, 2014.

Analysis – Hydro Management Group Request to Be Registered as an Aggregator of New Hampshire RECs

Pursuant to Puc 2506.01 (a), a person not otherwise qualified to obtain certificates as a provider of electricity may purchase, combine, and re-sell whole or fractional

certificates issued by the Commission to customer-sited sources¹ by registering as an aggregator. To qualify as an aggregator, the following must be provided:

- 1) *The name of the aggregator:* The applicant is Andrew Locke, Hydro Management Group, LLC/c/o Essex Hydro Associates, LLC.
- 2) *The address and telephone number of the aggregator:* The office address provided for Hydro Management is 55 Union Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.
- 3) *Identification of the independent monitor or monitors responsible for verifying the production of energy from the applicable customer-sited sources.* The independent monitor is listed as William P. Short. Mr. Short's phone number is 917-201-0001; his email address is wshortiii@verizon.net.
- 4) *A disclosure of whether there is any family or business relationship between such independent monitor and the aggregator:* Mr. Locke states in the application that Mr. Short has no direct ownership interest in Hydro Management and that Mr. Short's business relationship is solely that of an independent monitor.
- 5) *A description of how the monitor will be compensated for its services:* Mr. Short is paid a fixed fee for his services.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the Hydro Management request for Commission approval as an aggregator for RECs generated from customer-sited sources and can affirm it is complete pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2506. Staff recommends that the Commission approve Hydro Management's registration request to be an aggregator of customer-sited sources in New Hampshire effective February 3, 2013.

¹ Pursuant to RSA 362-F:2, V, and Puc 2502.13 "Customer-sited source" means a source that is interconnected on the end-use customer's side of the retail electricity meter in such a manner that it displaces all or part of the metered consumption of the end-use customer.