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Intra-Department Communication

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SUBJECT:

Applications for Certification as REC Eligible Facilities:

DE 14-068 Brian Burke DE 14-069 Eric Schott

TO:

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Summary

On March 11, 2014, the Commission received applications filed by the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) for Brian Burke (Burke) and Eric Schott (Schott). NHEC is requesting Class II New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) eligibility for the Burke and Schott photovoltaic (PV) arrays pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law.¹

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 customer-sited PV facilities were approved for operation by NHEC² and meet the Class II eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, II. Based on review of the applications, Staff recommends that the Commission certify the Burke and Schott PV arrays as eligible facilities for Class II RECs to be included as part of the NHEC aggregation effective as of March 11, 2014.

Overview

Details for the facilities are listed in the following table:

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

² Burke was approved January 15, 2014; Schott was approved February 25, 2014.

Commission Assigned Docket #	Facility Owner	Facility Location	Equipment Vendor	Installing Electrician	Operation Date ³	Effective Date to Produce RECs	Total MW listed in application (DC Arrays)
DE 14-068	Burke	Lee	Ridgeview Cnstruction	Steve Moore	01-15-14	03-11-14	0.00495
DE 14-069	Schott	Holderness	ReVision Energy	William Levay	02-25-14	03-11-14	0.0048

These facilities are customer-sited sources and therefore:

- The New England Independent System Operator asset identification number is not applicable;
- The output is not recorded in the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Market Settlement System; and,
- The output must be monitored and verified by an independent monitor (Puc 2505.09).

NHEC is identified as the independent monitor.⁴ In addition to reporting each source's output to the Commission, NHEC will include the total output of these facilities when it reports the total output of all of its Class II eligible facilities, under the name *NHEC Class II Aggregation*, to the NEPOOL Generation Information System.

As the distribution utility, NHEC provided a copy of the approved interconnection agreements for these facilities. In addition, signed attestations approving the installation, operation and conformance with any applicable building codes were provided for each facility.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed NHEC's applications for the photovoltaic arrays located at the above-named facilities and can affirm both are complete pursuant to Puc 2505.08. Staff recommends that the Commission certify the Burke and Schott PV arrays as Class II REC eligible facilities for Class II RECs to be included as part of the NHEC aggregation effective as of March 11, 2014.

³ NHEC considers the operation date listed in the table above, and in Appendix E of each application, to be the date on which NHEC inspected each facility and installed a revenue quality meter to record the electricity that will be eligible for Class II RECs. The date listed in each interconnection application pertains to the installation and interconnection of the facility and may be different than the operation date listed in the above table.

⁴ The Commission granted NHEC such status on May 12, 2009 in DE 09-006. On April 9, 2010, the Commission also granted NHEC the authority to aggregate customer-sited sources pursuant to Puc 2506. See DE 10-060.

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