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July 22, 2014

John King REC Portfolio Manager Stony Creek Energy, LLC c/o Invenergy, LLC One South Wacker Drive, #1900 Chicago, IL 60606

Re: DE 14-163, Stony Creek Energy, LLC/Invenergy LLC Application for Certification of Orangeville Wind Farm as a REC Eligible Facility

Dear Mr. King:

On June 11, 2014, the Commission received an application filed by Invenergy, LLC (Invenergy) on behalf of Stony Creek Energy, LLC requesting Class I New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) eligibility for the 94.4 megawatt (MW) Orangeville Wind Farm facility located in Warsaw, New York.¹ Based on review of the application, Staff recommended that the Commission approve the Orangeville Wind Farm as an eligible Class I facility, effective as of June 11, 2014, provided that verification and certification of its eligibility to produce Class I RECs is submitted on a quarterly basis.

The Orangeville Wind Farm facility, located at 3650 Centerline Road, Warsaw, New York, consists of fifty-nine (59) 1.6 MW wind turbines with a total gross nameplate capacity of 94.4 MW. The initial date of commercial operation was January 2014. Stony Creek Energy provided evidence of approvals from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Permit Facility DEC ID 9-5640-00044.

The applicant provided pertinent pages of an interconnection agreement between Stony Creek Energy and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), dated as of June 27, 2012. The facility is electrically interconnected to a transmission line owned by NYSEG at the Stony Creek Substation. The NEPOOL-GIS facility code has not yet been established. The Orangeville Wind Farm facility has met the requirements for Operational Certification under the State of New York Renewable Portfolio Standard.

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¹ Class I eligibility requires a facility to produce electricity from sources that began operation after January 1, 2006. *See* RSA 362-F:4, I, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law

Because the Orangeville Wind Farm facility is located in an adjacent control area, the applicant must provide proof that the electricity produced by the facility was settled within the New England control area to receive New Hampshire Class I RECs associated with that electricity. Pursuant to Puc 2504.01(a)(2), a facility in an adjacent control area may be eligible to produce RECs, provided that the electricity is delivered within the New England control area and is verified by submitting to the Commission the following:

- a) Documentation of a unit-specific bilateral contract that is executed between the source owner, operator, or authorized agent and an electric energy purchaser located within the New England control area;
- b) Proof of associated transmission rights for delivery of the source's electric energy to the New England control area;
- c) Documentation that the electrical energy delivered was settled in the ISO New England wholesale market system;
- d) Documentation that the source produced the amount of megawatt-hours claimed per hour, as verified by the GIS administrator (if the originating control area utilizes a generation information system comparable to the GIS, this system may be used to support this required documentation); and
- e) Confirmation that the electricity delivered received a North American Electric Reliability Corporation tag from the originating control area to the New England control area.

Because the Orangeville Wind Farm facility is geographically located within the New York Independent System Operator control area, certification of its eligibility for Class I RECs is a two-step process. The first step requires the Commission to certify that the facility meets the eligibility criteria for a Class I source. Staff reviewed the application for certification of the 94.4 MW of electrical production generated by the Orangeville Wind Farm facility and affirmed it is complete pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500. Based on Staff's recommendation, the Commission hereby certifies the Orangeville Wind Farm facility as a Class I source, effective as of June 11, 2014, the date on which Staff was able to make this determination.

The second step is on-going and requires the submission of additional information on a quarterly basis. Stony Creek Energy is required to verify that a unit-specific bilateral contract for the Orangeville Wind Farm facility was in effect and that the electricity it produced during the prior quarter was actually settled within the ISO New England market system, as required by Puc 2504.01(a)(2). The nature of the July 22, 2014 Page three

documentation requires that Stony Creek Energy provide written verification immediately following the end of each quarter for which Orangeville Wind Farm desires certification of its RECs as eligible for the New Hampshire RPS.

The Commission has reviewed Stony Creek Energy's application for REC eligibility for the Orangeville Wind Farm facility, and has determined that all necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate this facility meets the requirements of Puc 2502.02 and is eligible for certification as a New Hampshire Class I facility, provided that the information specified above is submitted on a quarterly basis. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies Stony Creek Energy's Orangeville Wind Farm generation facility as a Class I renewable energy source, effective as of June 11, 2014, the date all information was received to complete the application.

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 Stony Creek Energy's Orangeville Wind Farm facility is NH-I-14-074.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

Enclosure

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July 21, 2014

James Webb Registry Administrator APX Environmental Markets 224 Airport Parkway, Suite 600 San Jose, CA 95110

Re: DE 14-163, Stony Creek Energy, LLC/Invenergy LLC Application for Certification of Orangeville Wind Farm as a REC Eligible Facility N.H. RPS Certification Code NH-I-14-074

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified Stony Creek Energy, LLC's (Stony Creek Energy) 94.4 megawatt (MW) Orangeville Wind Farm facility as a Class I renewable energy source, effective as of June 11, 2014, pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, I, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Accordingly, the Orangeville Wind Farm facility is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class I RECs as of such date, <u>provided</u> that certain additional confirmatory information is submitted to the Commission following the end of each calendar quarter.

The Orangeville Wind Farm facility is located in Warsaw, New York and is comprised of 59 1.6 megawatt (MW) wind turbines with a total gross nameplate capacity of 94.4 MW. The facility began commercial operation in January 2014. Stony Creek Energy provided evidence of approvals from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Permit Facility DEC ID 9-5640-00044.

The GIS facility code has not yet been determined. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for the Orangeville Wind Farm facility is NH-I-14-074.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

cc: John King, Stony Creek Energy, LLC

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