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Wayne G. Fillion, P.E. Yeaton Associates, Inc. 66 Jackson Street Littleton, NH 03561

Re: DE 14-296 Androscoggin Valley Hospital

Request for a Waiver to Continue to Produce Thermal RECs While Meters are Installed

Dear Mr. Fillion:

On May 8, 2015, the Commission received a request from Yeaton Associates, Inc., (Yeaton Associates) of behalf of Androscoggin Valley Hospital to waive Puc 2506.04 to continue to qualify for interim Class I thermal Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) eligibility until new equipment can be installed to meter the facility's 2.4527 megawatt equivalent thermal biomass facility.

Puc 201.05 authorizes the Commission to waive any rule if it finds a waiver serves the public interest and does not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. A waiver request requires consideration of whether compliance with the rule would be onerous given the circumstances or whether the purpose of the rule is satisfied by the alternative method proposed.

Staff recommended the Commission grant the waiver, with conditions, to allow Androscoggin Valley Hospital the time needed to install the necessary meters and equipment to fully comply with Puc 2506.04.

After review of the request and Staff's recommendation, the Commission hereby grants a waiver of Puc 2506.04 for the Androscoggin Valley Hospital thermal biomass facility to continue to generate RECs as a Class I Thermal renewable energy source. The waiver is in effect for a period of no longer than four months from the date of this secretarial letter, by which deadline Androscoggin Valley Hospital must complete the following:

- Installation of the meters necessary to meet the requirements of Puc 2506.04; and,
- Submittal of an application for final approval under Puc 2506.04.

Attached please find a copy of the notice of this waiver provided to the NEPOOL-GIS administrator.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland

Executive Director

cc: Stephen McMann, Director of Facilities, Androscoggin Valley Hospital David Kyle, Yeaton Associates, Inc.

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Re: DE 14-296 Androscoggin Valley Hospital Request for a Waiver to Continue to Produce Thermal RECs While Meters are Installed New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IT-14-144

Dear Mr. Webb:

cc:

James Webb

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has granted a request from Yeaton Associates, Inc., (Yeaton Associates) of behalf of Androscoggin Valley Hospital for a waiver to continue to qualify for interim thermal Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) eligibility until new equipment can be installed to meter the facility's 2.4527 megawatt equivalent biomass boilers.

The Commission has granted Androscoggin Valley Hospital a period of no longer than four months from the date of this letter to complete the following:

- Installation of the meters necessary to meet the requirements of Puc 2506.04; and,
- Submittal of an application for final approval under Puc 2506.04.

The Androscoggin Valley Hospital project is located 59 Page Road, Berlin, NH 03570... The Androscoggin Valley Hospital thermal biomass project is registered as account number 15628 in the NEPOOL-GIS system. The NEPOOL-GIS unit identification code for the Androscoggin Valley Hospital useful thermal capacity is NON 43842.

The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IT-14-144.

Debra A. Howland **Executive Director**

Wayne G. Fillion, P.E., Yeaton Associates, Inc. David Kyle, Yeaton Associates, Inc.

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