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Mr. A. Quincy Vale Vale Law for Energy & the Environment 44 Whittier Street Andover, MA 01810

Mr. Peter Howe Silver Street Hydro, LLC 15 East Silver Street Westfield, MA 01085

Re: REC 15-466, Silver Street Hydro Hosiery Mills Hydroelectric Facility (MSS902)

Application for Renewable Energy Certification as a Class I REC Eligible Facility

NOTICE OF NON-CERTIFICATION OF SOURCE

Dear Mssrs. Vale and Howe:

It has come to our attention that the Hosiery Mills hydroelectric plant is listed with the NEPOOL Generation Information System (GIS) as a facility that is certified as eligible to produce New Hampshire Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). According to our records, however, this facility has not been certified by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) as eligible to produce RECs.

On October 23, 2015, the Commission received an application from Vale Law, PLLC (Vale Law) requesting certification for Silver Street Hydro LLC's 1.2 megawatt Hosiery Mills Hydroelectric Facility located in Hillsborough, New Hampshire (Silver Street Hydro-Hosiery Mills) as a Class I REC eligible facility. Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, I(j), an existing hydroelectric power plant is eligible to produce Class I RECs provided it is Class IV-eligible and has begun operation as a new facility by demonstrating that 80 percent of the resulting tax basis of the source's plant and equipment, but not its property and intangible assets, is derived from capital investment directly related to restoring generation or increasing capacity.

On December 7, 2015, Vale Law was notified that the application for certification of the Silver Street Hydro-Hosiery Mills facility was incomplete. The Commission's determination of eligibility under RSA 362-F:4, I(j) includes verification that it "has actually installed both upstream and downstream diadromous fish passages and such installations have been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission..." See RSA 362-F:4, IV(a)(3)(A). Further, Commission Staff sought verification that the tax basis of the facility was derived from recent capital investments. The

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requested documentation was not provided. Accordingly, the Silver Street Hydro-Hosiery Mills facility was not certified as a Class I REC-eligible generating facility.

The GIS administrator will be notified of this lack of certification so that no further Class I RECs will be issued for this facility.

Please note that Silver Street Hydro-Hosiery Mills may reapply for appropriate New Hampshire REC certification.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

cc: James Webb, GIS Administrator

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