STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Intra-Department Communication

DATE: September 10, 2012 **AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

FROM: Barbara Bernstein

Sustainable Energy Analyst

SUBJECT: Re: Docket No. DE 12-220 Wagner Forest Management, Ltd.'s

Request for Class II Eligibility for the Photovoltaic Array at 150

Orford Road, Lyme, NH Pursuant to RSA 362-F Staff Recommends Eligibility be Granted

TO: Chairman Amy L. Ignatius

Commissioner Robert R. Scott Commissioner Michael Harrington

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

CC: Jack K. Ruderman, Director of the Sustainable Energy Division

Suzanne Amidon, Staff Attorney

Summary

On July 19, 2012, the PUC received an application requesting that the Wagner Forest Management, Ltd. (Wagner Forest Management) photovoltaic facility be granted eligibility for Class II RECs. Staff reviewed the Wagner Forest Management application requesting certification of its .024 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic array and requested additional information on August 03, 2012. The information required to complete the application was received on August 20, 2012. Staff has determined that the Wagner Forest Management array meets the eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, II as a Class II photovoltaic facility and complies with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2505.08. Staff recommends Commission certification of this facility as a Class II renewable energy source effective August 20, 2012.

Analysis

To qualify as a facility eligible to produce RECs, Puc 2505.02 (b) requires the source to provide the following:

- 1) The name and address of the applicant: The applicant is Wagner Forest Management, Ltd., 150 Orford Road, PO Box 160, Lyme, NH 03768.
- 2) A complete list of the equipment used at the facility, including the meter and, if applicable, the inverter: Equipment used at the facility includes four (4) Fronius IG Plus 6,000 watt inverters, a 9600 Unirac Rail, a Watt Metrics Inverter Direct Residential Monitoring Package and other appurtenances.

- 3) The name, license number and contact information of the installer of the applicable generation or solar heating equipment, or a statement that the equipment was installed directly by the customer: The system's installer was ReKnew Energy Systems, 50 Cliff Street, South Royalton, VT 05068.
- 4) The name and contact information of the seller of the applicable generation or heating equipment: The seller of the applicable generation was ReKnew Energy Systems.
- 5) The name and contact information of the independent monitor of the source: The Independent Monitor is A. Quincy Vale, Vale Law for Energy and the Environment, 12 Royal Crest Drive, Suite 10, North Andover, MA 01845.
- 6) A copy of the interconnection agreement pursuant to Puc 307.06, if applicable, between the applicant and the distribution utility: An interconnection agreement between Wagner Forest Management and Public Service Company of New Hampshire dated July 19, 2012, was included with the application.
- 7) An attestation by the applicant that the project is installed and operating in conformance with any applicable building codes: Thomas J. Colgan, President and CEO of Wagner Forest Management provided a notarized attestation that the information contained in the application is true and accurate.
- 8) For an installation with electric output, documentation of the applicable distribution utility's approval of the installation: The Interconnection Agreement with PSNH confirms the approval of the installation.

The application also includes a GIS account number (15021). The NEPOOL-GIS rules require registration before an applicant can generate RECs.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the Wagner Forest Management photovoltaic facility application for Class II RECs and can affirm it is complete pursuant to N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500. Staff recommends that the Commission certify the Wagner Forest Management photovoltaic facility as being eligible for Class II RECs effective August 20, 2012, the date on which Staff was able to make a determination that the facility met the requirements for certification as a Class II renewable energy source.

¹ A. Quincy Vale, Vale Law for Energy and the Environment, was approved as an independent monitor by the Commission on March 30, 2012.