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August 29, 2012

Jingdong Huang
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Re: **DE 12-240**, Ampersand Energy Partners LLC's Eligibility Request for the American Hydro, Inc. – Peterborough Lower Project to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272

Dear Mr. Huang:

On July 27, 2012, Ampersand Energy Partners LLC (Ampersand Energy Partners) submitted an application requesting Class IV certification for the American Hydro Inc. (American Hydro) –Peterborough Lower Project pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, noting that the Peterborough Lower Project application was completed on July 27, 2012 in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

Pursuant to Laws of 2012, Chapter 272, existing small hydroelectric facilities with a total nameplate capacity of one megawatt (MW) or less are eligible for Class IV RECs if they are in compliance with applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) fish passage restoration requirements, and are interconnected with an electric distribution system located in New Hampshire. The Peterborough Lower Project is located on the Nubanusit Brook in Peterborough, NH.

Ampersand Energy Partners provided FERC approvals for the Peterborough Lower Project (under project number 7410-000) as well as a copy of the interconnection agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The start date for commercial operation was January 01, 1990; the nameplate capacity is .280 MW of electricity.

The Commission has reviewed the Peterborough Lower Project application and determined that all the necessary documentation has been provided to demonstrate that it is eligible for Class IV certification. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies the

Peterborough Lower Project as a Class IV renewable energy source eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs effective on July 27, 2012.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 926. 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 the Peterborough Lower Project is NH-IV-12-053.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland

Executive Director

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New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IV-12-053.

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the American Hydro Inc. (American Hydro) – Peterborough Lower Project as a Class IV renewable energy source effective July 27, 2012 pursuant to NH RSA 362-F. Accordingly, the Peterborough Lower Project is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs.

The Peterborough Lower Project is located on the Nubanusit Brook in Peterborough, NH and has a nameplate capacity of .280 MW of electrical production. The project began commercial operation January 01, 1990. American Hydro has provided evidence that the Peterborough Lower Project operates in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission fish passage restoration requirements (Project Number 7410-000) and has provided a copy of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 926. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IV-12-053.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland

Executive Director

cc: Jingdong Huang, Ampersand Energy Partners LLC – American Hydro Inc.

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- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.