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Re: DE 13-273 Revised to DE 12-278, Contoocook Hydro, LLC's Hopkinton Hydro Project

Dear Mr. Short:

On September 20, 2012, Contoocook Hydro, LLC (Contoocook Hydro) submitted an application requesting Class IV certification for the Hopkinton Hydro project pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law and Chapter 272, Laws of 2012. On October 26, 2012, the Commission approved the Hopkinton Hydro Project as a Class IV renewable energy source effective September 20, 2012.

On September 27, 2013, you submitted an application on behalf of Contoocook Hydro for the Hopkinton Hydro project requesting Class I eligibility for incremental new production at the facility resulting from improvements to the project's infrastructure and equipment. This request was assigned docket number DE 13-273.

Staff has recommended that the Commission's review of the Hopkinton Hydro project's request for Class I certification be completed under the original docket, DE 12-278, to allow all the information and correspondence regarding the Hopkinton Hydro project to be under one case number. This is in keeping with past projects that have requested certification under different classes or have been denied eligibility due to compliance issues and then were reinstated when compliance was achieved.

The Commission hereby closes DE 13-273 and all correspondence regarding the Hopkinton Hydro project will be posted under DE 12-278. If you have questions regarding this matter, contact Barbara Bernstein, 603-271-6011, <u>barbara.bernstein@puc.nh.gov</u>.

Sincerely, De A doulad

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