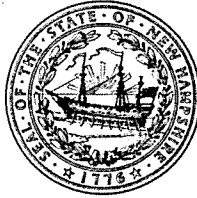


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Re: DE 12-278, Contoocook Hydro, LLC, Application for Certification as a REC Eligible Facility - Hopkinton Hydro Project, Request for Further Information and Grant of Confidential Treatment

Dear Mr. Short:

Contoocook Hydro, LLC (Contoocook Hydro) requested Class I renewable energy certificate (REC) eligibility for the increased incremental electric generation output of the 0.25 megawatt (MW) Hopkinton Hydro Project (Hopkinton Hydro), based on the increase in average annual production of the Hopkinton Hydro facility from approximately 780 MWh to approximately 1,120 MWh. This request is based on the provisions of RSA 362-F:4, I (i).

Staff reviewed Contoocook Hydro's application and supplemental submitted materials and filed a memorandum on February 3, 2015, recommending that the Commission deny without prejudice the Class I REC eligibility request. Staff's recommendation is based on its conclusion that the applicant has failed to meet its burden of demonstrating satisfaction of the specific statutory criteria for approval under RSA 362-F:4, I (i).

The Commission has reviewed the application and Staff's recommendation, and has determined that Contoocook Hydro has not yet adequately demonstrated the Hopkinton Hydro project meets the statutory standard for Class I REC eligibility under RSA 362-F:4, I (i). Accordingly, the Commission hereby requests that the applicant submit the following additional information within 30 days of the date of this letter:

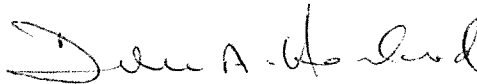
1. A list of claimed eligible improvements that excludes:
 - (i) items that are not capital investments;
 - (ii) items that were installed, replaced, or implemented for a primary reason other than increasing electric generation output; and

- (iii) items that have had little or no effect on increasing electric generation output from the facility;
- 2. For the listed improvements taken as a whole, a good faith estimate of the total aggregate increase in electricity production attributable to the improvements, expressed either in kWh or on a percentage basis, above the historical generation baseline; and
- 3. For each of the listed improvements, if possible, a good faith estimate of the increase in electricity production attributable to such improvement, expressed either in kWh or on a percentage basis, above the historical generation baseline.

With respect to Contoocook Hydro's pending requests for confidential treatment of certain information submitted in connection with its application, Staff recommended that the Commission grant confidential treatment of this information, which consists of (1) specific cost information related to the improvements made by the project owner, (2) copies of documents filed as non-public and subject to protective order with the Maine Public Utilities Commission and/or the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, (3) copies of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission dam safety letters which represent "Critical Energy Infrastructure Information" under federal law and regulations, and (4) two descriptive words contained in a document identifying the four improvements that have had the greatest impact on increased electricity output from the facility.

The Commission has reviewed this information and has found it represents confidential commercial information pursuant to RSA 91-A:5, IV. Accordingly, this information shall be afforded confidential treatment by the Commission, and the Commission has waived any requirement to file a separate formal motion requesting such confidential treatment pursuant to its authority under N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 201.05.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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