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December 18, 2012

Stephen Hirsh
Solar Farm Bank LLC
205 Shaw Farm Road
Holliston, MA 01746

Re: DE 12-343, Solar Farm Bank LLC's Eligibility Request for Class II Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Generated by the Photovoltaic Array at Applecrest Farm Orchards LLC, Pursuant to RSA 362-F.

Dear Mr. Hirsh:

On November 28, 2012, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Solar Farm Bank LLC (Solar Farm Bank) requesting Class II REC certification of the photovoltaic array at the Applecrest Farm Orchards, LLC (Applecrest Farm Orchards), 133 Exeter Road, Hampton, NH 03844, as a renewable energy source pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law.

Before your application can be approved, the following issues need to be addressed:

- **Cover Letter.** Per the Commission website and the application please provide an original and two copies of a cover letter with your REC eligibility request.
 - The cover letter must include complete contact information and identify the class for which you are seeking eligibility.
 - In our telephone conversations you have discussed your interest in being an aggregator of sources that generate RECs. If this is true, the cover letter should also include your request to be approved as an aggregator of NH RECs.
- **Nameplate Capacity.** There is a discrepancy in the array's output that needs to be resolved. Mr. George Horrocks states that the system's output is 39.78 kilowatts (kW). The Interconnection Agreement provided by Unitil Energy

Systems lists the nameplate capacity as 42 kW. In order to approve the application, the Commission must have information that is consistent.

- **GIS Identification.** A GIS facility Code or Asset Identification Number has not been provided with the application. While the Commission may provide certification before this information is provided, please note that the GIS will not count RECs from Applecrest Farm Orchards until this number is obtained. Both the asset ID number for Applecrest Farm Orchards and the assigned New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification codes will be unique to that facility; the number you are assigned as an aggregator will be separate.

Submission of this information must be received by the Commission to complete your application. Until such time, it cannot be processed. Please refer to docket number **DE 12-343** in all future correspondence with the Commission.

Your response should include an original and two copies sent to the attention of the Commission's Executive Director:

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Please also send an electronic copy of your response via email to me at barbara.bernstein@puc.nh.gov. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct line is 603-271-6011. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Barbara Bernstein
Sustainable Energy Analyst

Cc: Suzanne Amidon, NHPUC Staff Attorney