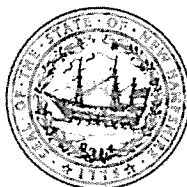


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Re: DE 15-107, Steels Pond Hydro, Inc., Application for Certification as a REC
Eligible Facility – Request for Further Information Supporting Class I Eligibility
Determination

Dear Mr. Short:

On January 19, 2016, the Commission received an application from Steels Pond Hydro, Inc. (SPH) for Class I renewable energy certificate (REC) eligibility for the SPH hydroelectric facility that has begun operation as a new facility after being off-line for more than two years. The SPH facility currently generates 0.600 megawatts of electricity and intends to generate 0.900 MW by the end of June 2016. The SPH facility is located at 367 Elm Avenue, Antrim, New Hampshire, and is registered with the NEPOOL Generation Information System under facility code MSS 909. SPH now requests Class I REC eligibility for its facility based on RSA 362-F:4,I(j), for the production of electricity from a Class IV source that has begun operation as a new facility by demonstrating that 80 percent of the resulting tax basis of the source's plant and equipment, but not its property and intangible assets, is derived from capital investment directly related to restoring generation or increasing capacity.

Staff notes that information essential for its review of the application was not included with the application. Please provide the analysis and supporting information that demonstrates that at least 80 percent of the federal income tax basis of the facility's plant and equipment, but not its property and intangible assets, is derived from capital investment directly related to restoring generation or increasing capacity. Note that the applicants in two previous dockets, DE 10-029 Orono Hydro and DE 12-033 Milford Hydro, have provided this type of supporting information without seeking confidential treatment. Perhaps these two dockets can serve as examples of how to provide the required information without seeking confidential treatment.

Staff will resume review of the application once all of the necessary supporting information has been received.

Please refer to docket number **DE 15-107** in your 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 via email to executive.director@puc.nh.gov, and copy 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Bernstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".

Barbara Bernstein
Sustainable Energy Division

cc: David K. Wiesner, NHPUC Staff Attorney