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March 21, 2016

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Re: DE 15-107, Steel's Pond Hydro, Inc., Application for Certification as a
Class I REC Eligible Facility – Granting Confidential Treatment

Dear Mr. Short:

On February 18, 2016, Steel's Pond Hydro, Inc. (Steel's Pond), an applicant for Class I REC eligibility certification, submitted an analysis and supporting information intended to demonstrate that at least 80% of the federal income tax basis of its hydroelectric project's plant and equipment, but not its property and intangible assets, is derived from capital investments directly related to restoring generation or increasing capacity of the facility. Steel's Pond requested confidential treatment of this analysis and supporting information, on the grounds that this information is commercially sensitive and its release to the public would "harm its ability to compete against its numerous competitors."

Staff reviewed the analysis and supporting information submitted by Steel's Pond for which it requested confidential treatment, and Staff filed a memorandum on March 18, 2016, stating its belief that this analysis and supporting information may represent commercially sensitive financial information, as contemplated by RSA 91-A:5, IV, in which Steel's Pond has a significant privacy interest that outweighs the public's interest in disclosure of such information. Staff recommended that this information be afforded confidential treatment by the Commission, and that the Commission waive any requirement to file a separate motion requesting such confidential treatment, pursuant to its authority under N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 201.05.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's memorandum and has approved its recommendations. Accordingly, the analysis and supporting information submitted by Steel's Pond on March 18, 2016 shall be afforded confidential treatment by the Commission and Steel's Pond will not be required to file a separate motion requesting such confidential treatment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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