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Michael Thoreson Commissioner, Department of Public Works City of Brockton 45 School Street Brockton, Massachusetts 02301

DE 08-025, Brockton Brightfield Solar Photovoltaic Facility Re:

Certification Application pursuant to RSA 362-F

## Dear Commissioner Thoreson:

On January 29, 2008, the Department of Public Works for the City of Brockton. Massachusetts (Brockton), submitted an application requesting certification for the Brockton Brightfield Solar Photovoltaic Facility (Brockton Brightfield Facility) as a Class II facility pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval noting that the Brockton Brightfield Facility application was completed on March 6, 2008 in accordance with N.H.Code Admin Rules Puc 2500.

Class II eligibility includes production of electricity from solar technologies that began operation after January 1, 2006. The application indicates that the Brockton Brightfield Facility was originally installed as a 425 kilowatt (kW) facility in September 2006 and has been commercially operational since September 27, 2006. The facility was expanded by 35 kW to 460 kW in July 2007. The facility's NEPOOL GIS facility number is MSS11925. The facility is a grid-connected facility which sells 100 percent of its output into the New England Power Pool through a 20-year contract with Constellation Energy. The data is verified by National Grid (the distribution company) who also reads the meter.

<sup>1</sup> Since the Brockton Brightfield facility came online on September 26, 2006, 100 percent of the Massachusetts eligible renewable energy certificates produced have been sold to Constellation New Energy and equal 500 to 600 megawatt-hours per year. See response to Staff Supplementary Information Request, filed March 6, 2008.

Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (h), the applicant is also required to provide proof of an approved interconnection study. The Brockton Brightfield Facility has been interconnected to and delivering power to Massachusetts Electric Company, a subsidiary of National Grid, since August 9, 2006. The applicant submitted a copy of that interconnection agreement with its application. The Commission finds that this satisfies the requirement for an approved interconnection study.

The Commission has reviewed Brockton's application and determined that it has provided all the necessary documentation to demonstrate that the Brockton Brightfield Facility is eligible for certification as a Class II facility. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies that the Brockton Brightfield Facility is a Class II renewable energy source effective March 6, 2008. Accordingly, pursuant to Puc 2505.01(a), the Brockton Brightfield Facility is eligible to be issued new certificates.

Sincerely,

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