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Re: DE 08-051, Pinetree Power Inc. Tamworth facility

Certification Application for Class III Eligibility Pursuant to RSA 362-F

Dear Mr. Shulock:

On April 1, 2008, Pinetree Power, Inc. submitted an application requesting conditional certification for the Tamworth Biomass facility (Tamworth facility) as a Class III facility pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard Law. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends conditional approval noting that the Tamworth facility's application was completed on April 4, 2008 with the exception of the Department of Environmental Services' (DES) approval of emission test results that would qualify the Tamworth facility as a Class III renewable energy source.

Class III eligibility includes production of electricity from either eligible biomass technologies having a gross nameplate capacity of 25 megawatts (MWs) or less, or methane gas, provided the source began operation prior to January 1, 2006. The application indicates that the Tamworth facility is a biomass facility that uses biomass fuels as defined in RSA 362-F:2. The Tamworth facility is located at 469 Plains Road, Tamworth, New Hampshire and has a gross nameplate capacity of 23.8 megawatts. The initial commercial operation date was April 1, 1987. In addition, the applicant submitted its original interconnection study from Docket No DR 86-028 as Attachment B to its filing.

On May 14, 2008, DES notified the Commission that it had received Pinetree Power's application and recommended certain conditions for approval of its certification.

The Commission has reviewed Pinetree Power's application in conjunction with the information received from DES and determined that Pinetree Power has provided all the necessary documentation to demonstrate that the Tamworth facility is eligible for conditional certification as a Class III facility. Upon receipt of verification of compliance

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with emissions standards from DES, the Commission will designate the Tamworth facility as eligible to produce Class III renewable energy certificates.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland

**Executive Director and Secretary**