

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DE 08-122, The Lee Company's Application for Class II Eligibility
Pursuant to RSA 362-F
Staff Recommendation

TO: Chairman Thomas B. Getz
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Commissioner Clifton C. Below
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

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Summary

On September 23, 2008, The Lee Company (Lee) submitted an application requesting the Commission grant approval of its solar photovoltaic facility to produce Class II Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, IV, Class II eligibility requires that a facility provide electricity from solar technologies and that it begins operation after January 1, 2006.

Pursuant to RSA 362-F, the Commission, in a non-adjudicative process, must issue a determination of whether a facility meets a particular classification within 45 days of a completed application. The Lee facility is a solar photovoltaic facility and began commercial operation on June 30, 2008. The facility meets the Class II eligibility requirements under RSA 362-F:4, II and Lee has complied with the N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500 and has provided all the necessary information. Based on its review of the application, Staff recommends that the Commission approve The Lee Company's solar photovoltaic facility as eligible for Class II RECs.

Analysis

The Lee Company's facility is located at 2 Pettipaug Road in Westbrook, CT. The project's initial commercial operation date was June 30, 2008. It has a gross

nameplate capacity of .308 megawatts. The NEPOOL GIS facility number has not yet been obtained. Lee will provide that to the Commission as soon as it is obtained.

Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (b) (8), the applicant must submit proof that it has “an approved interconnection study on file with the commission, is a party to a currently effective interconnection agreement, or is otherwise not required to undertake an interconnection study.” The Lee Company submitted its “Standard Fast Track and Study Process Generator Interconnection Agreement” with Connecticut Light and Power dated June 3, 2008.

Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (b) (11), the applicant shall include a statement as to whether the facility has been certified under another non-federal jurisdiction’s renewable portfolio standards and proof thereof. The Lee Company stated that the facility has not been certified by another state.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed The Lee Company’s application for its solar photovoltaic facility and can affirm it is complete pursuant to N. H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2500. Staff recommends that the Commission certify The Lee Company’s solar photovoltaic facility as being eligible for Class II RECs effective October 16, 2008, the date on which Staff was able to make a determination that the facility met the requirements for certification as a Class II renewable energy source.