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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

October 30, 2008

F. Allen Wiley Vice President FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC 160 Capitol Street, Suite 8 Augusta, ME 04330

Re: DE 08-123, FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC North Gorham Project Hydro Facility Certification Application for Class IV Eligibility pursuant to RSA 362-F

Dear Mr. Wiley:

On September 25, 2008, FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC (FPL Energy) submitted an application requesting certification for the North Gorham Project hydro facility (North Gorham) as eligible to produce Class IV renewable energy certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Staff has reviewed the application and recommended approval noting that the North Gorham application was complete on September 25, 2008.

Class IV eligibility requires that a facility: 1) began operation prior to January 1, 2006; 2) has a gross nameplate capacity of 5 megawatts (MW) or less; 3) has installed upstream and downstream diadromous fish passages that have been required and approved under the terms of its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or exemption; and 4) when required, has documented applicable state water quality certification pursuant to section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The application indicates that the North Gorham facility is a single-unit hydroelectric generating station located on the Presumpscot River in Gorham, Maine and operates on a run-ofriver basis. The facility has a gross nameplate capacity of 2.25 MW and was originally issued a FERC license in 1966 which expired on December 31, 1993. A thirty-year license was subsequently issued on November 22, 1993, effective January 1, 1994. The facility began commercial operation in January 1925. The facility's ISO-NE asset identification number is 760 and the NEPOOL GIS facility number is MSS760.

The Commission has reviewed FPL Energy's application for the North Gorham facility and determined that it has provided all the necessary information to demonstrate that the North

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Gorham facility is eligible for certification as a Class IV facility. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies that FPL Energy's North Gorham Project hydro facility is a Class IV renewable energy source effective September 25, 2008 and is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV renewable energy certificates.

Please be advised that in Docket No. DE 08-053, a proceeding involving certification of small hydro facilities owned by Public Service Company of New Hampshire, certain parties have raised questions regarding the specific fish passage requirements necessary for Class IV certification. The result of that proceeding could affect the certification of this facility.

Attached please find a copy of the notice of this certification provided to the GIS administrator. The New Hampshire Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for the North Gorham hydro facility is NH-IV-08-015.

Sincerely, Julia A. Houland

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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James Webb Registry Administrator APX Environmental Markets 5201 Great America Parkway, Suite 522 Santa Clara, CA 95054

Re: DE 08-123, FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC North Gorham Project Hydroelectric Facility Certification as a New Hampshire RPS Class IV Facility pursuant to RSA 362-F New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IV-08-015

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that, pursuant to NH RSA 362-F, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC's North Gorham Project (North Gorham) hydroelectric facility as a Class IV renewable energy source effective September 25, 2008. Accordingly, North Gorham is eligible to be issue New Hampshire Class IV renewable energy certificates.

The North Gorham facility is a single-unit hydroelectric generating station located on the Presumpscot River in Gorham, Maine and operates on a run-of-river basis. The facility has a gross nameplate capacity of 2.25 megawatts and entered commercial operation in January 1925. The facility's ISO-NE asset identification number is 760. The New Hampshire RPS certification code is NH-IV-08-015.

Sincerely,

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