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Intra-Department Communication

DATE: April 8, 2010 **AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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SUBJECT:

Staff Recommendation Re: DE 09-008 Conservation Service Group on

Behalf of Indeck Energy-Alexandria, LLC Certification Application

for Class I Eligibility Pursuant to RSA 362-F

TO:

Chairman Thomas B. Getz Commissioner Clifton C. Below

Commissioner Amy L. Ignatius

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

CC:

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On January 26, 2009, Conservation Services Group submitted an application on behalf of Indeck Energy-Alexandria, LLC requesting conditional certification of the Indeck Alexandria biomass facility (Alexandria facility) as eligible to produce Class I renewable energy certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law. On July 17, 2009, the Commission issued a secretarial letter granting conditional approval of the Alexandria facility and stated that it would fully certify the facility upon receipt of verification of compliance with emissions standards from the Department of Environmental Services (DES). On April 6, 2010, DES notified the Commission that the emissions test results indicate that the Alexandria facility meets the emission requirements. DES also recommended that the Commission fully certify the facility as a renewable energy source eligible to produce RECs. Although DES does not specify whether the facility is eligible to produce Class I or Class III RECs, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the facility Class I eligible as Staff initially advised in its recommendation memo dated July 8, 2009.

Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2505.04 (b), Staff recommends that the Commission designate the Alexandria facility as eligible to produce Class I RECs within 10 days of the notification from DES that the facility meets the emissions standards.