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May 6, 2009

Eric Barreveld Energy Markets Supervisor Enel North America, Inc. One Tech Drive, Suite 220 Andover, MA 01810

Re:

DE 09-012, Consolidated Hydro New Hampshire, Inc. Salmon Falls Hydroelectric Facility (a.k.a. South Berwick) Certification Application pursuant to RSA 362-F

Dear Mr. Barreveld:

On January 30, 2009, Consolidated Hydro New Hampshire, Inc. (CHNHI) submitted an application requesting certification for its Salmon Falls, a.k.a. South Berwick, hydroelectric facility (Salmon Falls facility) as a Class IV facility pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard Law. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval noting that the Salmon Falls facility application was completed on March 31, 2009 in accordance with N.H. Code Admin Rule Puc 2500.

Pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, IV, Class IV eligibility requires that a facility began operation prior to January 1, 2006, has a nameplate capacity of 5 MWs or less, has installed upstream and downstream diadromous fish passages and when required, has documented applicable state water quality certification pursuant to section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Your application indicates that the Salmon Falls facility is a run-of-river hydroelectric facility located on the Salmon Falls River at the head of tide in South Berwick, Maine and Rollinsford, New Hampshire. The facility's street address is Liberty Street, South Berwick, Maine. The facility contains three vertical Francis turbines with a total capacity of 1.2 megawatts. The facility entered commercial operation on July 1, 1986 and holds a forty year operating license that was issued by the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC) on December 9, 1997 See FERC Order No. 62,172 issued December 9, 1997. Pursuant to FERC Order No. 62,172, the facility has installed the required upstream and downstream fish passages. Your application also included a copy

of a letter from the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection dated May 23, 1995 stating that the facility's operation and monitoring plan meets section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system facility code is MSS883.

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 CHNHI submitted and Staff verified the facility's interconnection agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire effective March 13, 1987, the effective date of the Commission order approving long-term rates from 1987 to 2006. Since these long-term rates have expired, the facility meets the requirement set in Puc 2505.01 (e), which states that no generation facility shall be eligible to acquire new certificates while selling its electrical output at long-term rates under RSA 362-A:4.

The Commission has reviewed the Salmon Falls facility application and determined that it has provided all the necessary documentation to demonstrate that the Salmon Falls facility is eligible for certification as a Class IV facility. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies that the Salmon Falls facility is a Class IV renewable energy source effective March 31, 2009 and is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV renewable energy certificates.

Attached please find a copy of the notice of this certification provided to the GIS administrator. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for the Salmon Falls facility is NH-IV-09-019.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IV-09-019

Dear Mr. Webb:

James Webb

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Please be advised that, pursuant to NH RSA 362-F, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Salmon Falls, a.k.a. South Berwick, hydroelectric facility as eligible for Class IV renewable energy certificates effective March 31, 2009. Accordingly, the Salmon Falls hydroelectric facility is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV renewable energy certificates.

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