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Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Subject:

DE 09-192, Great Bay Hydro Corporation

Newport Hydroelectric Facility, NH-IV-09-049

Dear Mr. Howland:

In a decision issued on December 2, 2009 in **Docket DE-09-192**, the NH PUC approved the application of Great Bay Hydro Corporation (Great Bay) for certification of the Newport hydroelectric facility (Newport Hydro) as a Class IV renewable energy source. The NH Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code for Newport Hydro is **NH-IV-09-049**.

Since the time of Newport Hydro's qualification as a Class IV renewable energy source, production information for the plant has been reported to the NEPOOL-GIS system by ISO-NE. The project's ID in the NEPOOL-GIS system is **MSS772**.

Effective on September 1, 2017, Great Bay entered into a long-term PPA with Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC) that authorizes Newport Hydro to operate as a "behind-themeter" facility for VEC. As such, the generation data will no longer be reported to the NEPOOL-GIS by ISO-NE. It should be noted that while the power accounting under the new PPA is changing, there is no change to the operation or configuration of Newport Hydro.

To account for Newport Hydro's production under the new PPA as of September 1, 2017, Great Bay has applied to the NEPOOL-GIS system for a Non-NEPOOL Generator ID. Newport Hydro has received a pending Non-NEPOOL Generator ID of **NON109754**.

In addition, Great Bay plans to engage Crown REC Services to act as its Third Party Verifier for Newport Hydro, effective on September 1, 2017. Crown REC Services has no affiliation with Newport Hydro or with Great Bay and currently serves as a Third Party Verifier for Great Bay's Clyde Street Solar Facility for CT Class 1 RECs.

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Great Bay hereby respectfully requests that the NH PUC approve the continuing qualification of Newport Hydro as a Class IV renewable energy source and notify the NEPOOL-GIS administrator of that qualification, effective as of September 1, 2017, for NON109754. (Note: Newport Hydro would remain qualified as a Class IV renewable energy source under NEPOOL-GIS ID MSS772 through August 31, 2017.)

Please feel free to contact me at (603) 766-8747 or <u>brodgers@greatbaypower.com</u> with any questions.

Sincerely,

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