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Patricia H. Richards Senior Consultant LaCapra Associates 277 Blair Park, Suite 210 Williston, VT 05495

Re: DE 12-014, Washington Electric Cooperative Inc.'s Application for Coventry Clean Energy Certification for Class III New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates Pursuant to RSA 362-F Request for Additional Information

Dear Ms. Richards:

On January 12, 2012, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from LaCapra Associates on behalf of the Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc., requesting certification of the Coventry Clean Energy landfill's methane gas burning generation facility as a Class III renewable energy source pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law.

Staff has reviewed your application and has noted the following items that must be addressed before your application is considered complete:

1.) The application requires (#13) a description of the facility, including fuel type, gross nameplate generation capacity, the initial commercial operation date and the date it began operation if different. My review of the application has not yielded specific verification of nameplate capacity. The answer provided on the page that is titled New Hampshire REC Market Application states under # 13 that the installed gross generating capacity is 4.5 MW. This is disputed in the testimony of Dean L. LaForest (page 5 of 15) which states the project will interconnect 4 MW of generation. That is countered by the State of Rhode Island Order which states 4.8 MW of generation. The Massachusetts Statement of Qualification says there is 6.4 MW of generation.

- 2.) The State of New Hampshire requires that you provide an Interconnection Agreement. The Interconnection agreement will provide the verification needed to determine the generation of electricity from the landfill's methane gas burning generation facility.
- 3.) Pursuant to Puc 2505.02 (7), the applicant needs to verify that all other necessary regulatory approvals, including any reviews, approvals or permits from state environmental agencies have been met. Please provide proof of all State of Vermont approvals have been obtained. If these are lengthy documents, links to websites or electronic files are acceptable.

Submission of the above modifications and verification must be received by the Commission to complete your application. Until such time, it cannot be processed.

If the requested information and documentation are not provided within ten business days of the date of this letter, your application will be denied without prejudice. Please refer to docket number DE 12-014 in all future correspondence with the Commission. Also note that review of future applications would be greatly expedited if the references to attachments in the application provide more specific direction including specific page numbers.

Your response should include an original and three copies to the attention of the Commission's Executive Director and sent to:

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Concord, NH 03301-2429

Please also send an electronic copy via email to my email address below. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct line is 603-271-6011 and my e-mail address is <u>barbara.bernstein@puc.nh.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bernstein

Sustainable Energy Analyst

Cc: Suzanne Amidon, NHPUC Staff Attorney