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Mike Novello Vice President 150 Orford Road Lyme, NH 03768

Re: DE 12-043, Re cord Hill Wind LLC's Application for the Record Hill Wind Farm's Certification for Class I New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates Pursuant to RSA 362-F, Request for Additional Information

Dear Mr. Novello:

On February 16, 2012, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Record Hill Wind LLC (Record Hill) requesting certification of the Record Hill Wind Farm as a Class I 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. Pursuant to Puc 2502.12, the application requires:

- 1.) Proof that the applicant either 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. Please provide the NH PUC with the Interconnection agreement. This will provide verification of the location of the Record Hill Wind farm. Often interconnection agreements are confidential. Please see Puc 100-200 Final Proposal Fixed Text Non Expiring 1-11-12 (pages 3 & 4) at http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Proposed%20Rules/Puc%20100-200%20Final%20Proposal%20Fixed%20Text%20Non%20Expiring%201-11-12.pdf for information on how to prepare your confidential information for submittal.
- 2.) A description of how the generation facility is connected to the distribution utility. The general description provided in the application will be used in the PUC website postings; however, Staff is expected to review the specifics of the how the generation facility is connected to the distribution utility. This is typically provided in the interconnection agreement.

- 3.) All other necessary regulatory approvals, including any reviews, approvals or permits granted by the department. An extensive list of permits was provided by the applicant. Please provide copies of the State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Environmental Protection Natural Resources approvals and the Federal Aviation Administration Notice for verification.
- 4.) A statement as to whether the facility has been certified under another non-federal jurisdiction's renewable portfolio standard and proof thereof. Please provide verification of the Record Hill Wind Farm's certification from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Maine. (The application references an attachment that was not received by staff.)

Submission of the above modification 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 12-043** in all future correspondence with the Commission. Also note that review of submitted information would be greatly expedited if the references to attachments in the application provide specific direction including specific page numbers.

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Please also send an electronic copy via email to <u>barbara.bernstein@puc.nh.gov</u>. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct line is 603-271-6011. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bernstein

Sustainable Energy Analyst

Cc: Suzanne Amidon, NHPUC Staff Attorney