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September 12, 2012

Andrew Locke Vice President Hydro Management Group, LLC c/o Essex Hydro Associates, LLC 55 Union Street, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02108

Re: **DE 12-259**, Hydro Management Group, LLC's Eligibility Request for the Rivermill Hydroelectric, Inc. – River Mill Hydroelectric Project to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272

Dear Mr. Locke:

On August 21, 2012, Hydro Management Group, LLC (Hydro Management Group) filed on behalf of Rivermill Hydroelectric, Inc. (Rivermill Hydroelectric) an application requesting Class IV certification for the River Mill Hydroelectric (River Mill Hydro) facility pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law and Laws of 2012, Chapter 272. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, noting that the River Mill Hydro application was completed on August 21, 2012 in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

Pursuant to Laws of 2012, Chapter 272, existing small hydroelectric facilities with a total nameplate capacity of one megawatt (MW) or less are eligible for Class IV RECs if they are in compliance with applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) fish passage restoration requirements, and are interconnected with an electric distribution system located in New Hampshire. River Mill Hydro is located on the Mascoma River, in Lebanon, NH.

Rivermill Hydroelectric provided FERC approvals for River Mill Hydro under project number (9403-001) as well as a copy of the operating agreement with New England Power Company. The start date for commercial operation was June 01, 1989; the nameplate capacity is .175 MW of electricity.

The Commission has reviewed the Rivermill Hydroelectric – River Mill Hydro application and determined that all the necessary documentation has been provided to

demonstrate that it is eligible for Class IV certification. Therefore, the Commission hereby certifies River Mill Hydro as a Class IV renewable energy source eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs effective on August 21, 2012.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 795. 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 River Mill Hydro is NH-IV-12-057.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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New Hampshire Certification Code NH-IV-12-057

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified the Rivermill Hydroelectric, Inc. (Rivermill Hydroelectric) – River Mill Hydroelectric (River Mill Hydro) facility as a Class IV renewable energy source effective August 21, 2012 pursuant to NH RSA 362-F. Accordingly, River Mill Hydro is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs.

River Mill Hydro is located on the Mascoma River, in Lebanon, NH and has a nameplate capacity of .175 MW of electrical production. The project began commercial operation June 01, 1989. Rivermill Hydroelectric has provided evidence that River Mill Hydro operates in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission fish passage restoration requirements (Project Number 9403-001) and has provided a copy of the operating agreement with New England Power Company. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 795. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IV-12-057.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland

Executive Director

cc: Andrew Locke, Hydro Management Group, LLC

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- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.