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December 18, 2012

Dudley Cobb Member The Cobbs, LLC 50 Jaffrey Road Peterborough, NH 03458

Re: **DE 12-326**, The Cobbs at Noone Falls, LLC's Eligibility Request for the Noone Falls Hydro Facility to Produce Class IV New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) Pursuant to RSA 362-F and Chapter 272, Laws of 2012

Dear Mr. Cobb:

On November 09, 2012, The Cobbs at Noone Falls, LLC (the Cobbs) submitted an application requesting Class IV certification for the Noone Falls Hydro facility (Noone Falls Hydro) pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law and Chapter 272, Laws of 2012. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, noting that the Noone Falls Hydro application was completed on November 09, 2012, in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2500.

Pursuant to Chapter 272, Laws of 2012, 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.

The Noone Falls hydro facility is located on the Contoocook River in Peterborough, NH. The Cobbs provided FERC approvals for exemption from licensing for Noone Falls Hydro under project number (4318NH) as well as a copy of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The project began commercial operation May 11, 2005; the nameplate capacity is .150 MW of electricity.

The Commission has reviewed the Cobbs – Noone Falls 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 Noone

Falls Hydro as a Class IV renewable energy source eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs effective November 09, 2012.

The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 922. 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 Noone Falls Hydro is NH-IV-12-088.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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James Webb Registry Administrator APX Environmental Markets 224 Airport Parkway, Suite 600 San Jose, CA 95110

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Dear Mr. Webb:

Please be advised that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has certified The Cobbs at Noone Falls application for the Noone Falls Hydro facility (Noone Falls Hydro) as a Class IV renewable energy source effective November 09, 2012, pursuant to NH RSA 362-F and Chapter 272, Laws of 2012. Accordingly, Noone Falls Hydro is eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class IV RECs.

Noone Falls Hydro is located on the Contoocook River in Peterborough, NH, and has a nameplate capacity of .150 megawatts of electricity. The project began commercial operation May 11, 2005. The Cobbs' have provided evidence that Noone Falls Hydro operates in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission fish passage restoration requirements (Project Number 4318NH) and has provided a copy of the operating agreement with Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The facility's NEPOOL generation information system (GIS) facility code is MSS 922. The New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard certification code is NH-IV-12-088.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

cc: Dudley Cobb, Member, The Cobbs at Noone Falls, LLC

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a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.