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SUBJECT: DE 13-273 Revised to DE 12-278, Contoocook Hydro, LLC's
Hopkinton Hydro Project

TO: Chairman Amy L. Ignatius
Commissioner Robert R. Scott
Commissioner Michael Harrington
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

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Overview

On September 20, 2012, Contoocook Hydro, LLC (Contoocook Hydro) submitted an application requesting Class IV certification for the Hopkinton Hydro project pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law and Chapter 272, Laws of 2012. On October 26, 2012, the Commission approved the Hopkinton Hydro Project as a Class IV renewable energy source effective September 20, 2012.

On September 27, 2013, William P. Short submitted an application on behalf of Contoocook Hydro for the Hopkinton Hydro project requesting Class I eligibility for incremental new production at the facility due to improvements to the dam's infrastructure. This request was assigned docket number DE 13-273.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission's review of the Hopkinton Hydro project's request for Class I certification be completed under the original docket, DE 12-278, to allow all the information and correspondence regarding the Hopkinton Hydro project to be under one case number. This is in keeping with past projects that have requested certification under different classes or have been denied eligibility due to compliance issues and then were reinstated when compliance was achieved.¹ Staff further recommends that DE 13-273 be closed.

¹ See DE 12-210 Spaulding; DE 09-008 Indeck, and DE 09-104 Springfield Power.