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December 7, 2015

A. Quincy Vale, Esq. Director, Vale Law, PLLC 44 Whittier Street Andover, MA 01810

Re: REC 15-466, SilverStreet Hydro, Application for Certification of the Hosiery Mills Hydroelectric Facility as a Class I REC Eligible Facility - Notice of Incomplete Application and Request for Additional Information

Dear Mr. Vale:

On October 23, 2015, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Vale Law, PLLC (Vale Law), requesting renewable energy certificate (REC) eligibility for SilverStreet Hydro LLC's (SilverStreet Hydro) 1.2 megawatt (MW) Hosiery Mills Hydroelectric Facility located in Hillsborough, New Hampshire (Hosiery Mills). SilverStreet Hydro is requesting Class I eligibility pursuant to RSA 362-F:4, I(j) for Hosiery Mills as a Class IV source that has begun operation as a new facility by demonstrating that 80 percent of its resulting tax basis of the source's plant and equipment, but not its property and intangible assets, is derived from capital investment directly related to restoring generation or increasing capacity.

Please provide the following additional information in order to complete the Hosiery Mills Class I REC eligibility application:

- 1. Clarification whether or not the Hosiery Mills facility has actually installed both upstream and downstream diadromous fish passages and such installations have been approved by FERC; and
- 2. Clarification that the portion of the tax basis of the facility derived from the recent capital investments, \$521,957, represents 85.5% of the total tax basis in the amount of \$610,442.

The Commission seeks to clarify these issues to ensure that the record in this docket supports a determination regarding Hosiery Mills' eligibility as a source of Class I RECs based on a demonstration that it meets the Class IV eligibility criteria and that 80 percent of the resulting tax basis of the facility's plant and equipment, but not its property and intangible assets, is derived from capital

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investment directly related to restoring generation or increasing capacity.

Please refer to docket number REC 15-466 in your correspondence with the Commission. Your response should include an original and two copies sent to the attention of the Commission's Executive Director at the following address:

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Please also send an electronic copy via email to <u>executive.director@puc.nh.gov</u>, and copy me at <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.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Bernstein Sustainable Energy Division

cc: Karen Cramton, Director, Sustainable Energy Division David K. Wiesner, NHPUC Staff Attorney

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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.