

DE 19-124

Debra A. Howland Executive Director State of New Hampshire Public Utility Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

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July 8, 2019

Re: Request for Rule Waiver of Puc 2505.04(h)(1)

Dear Ms. Howland;

My name is Mark Driscoll, Plant Manager of the Pinetree Power LLC – Bethlehem Station 15- MW Biomass plant in Bethlehem NH. Due to economics, the plant went off line April 2, 2019, we are anticipating coming back on line during the month of July 2019.

Under Puc 201.05, I am requesting a rule waiver of Puc 2505.04(h)(1). This rule requires that a Relative Accuracy Test Audit (RATA) be performed on our continuously-operating NOx emissions monitor once every four calendar quarters in order to maintain eligibility to produce New Hampshire Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). The facility unexpectedly did not operate during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of calendar year 2019. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is typically the quarter in which we perform the RATA and our last RATA was in Q2 2018. As the facility was not operating, it was not possible to perform the RATA. We anticipate resuming operation during Q3 2019 and will have a RATA performed during that quarter. We believe that the purpose of Puc 2505.04(h)(1) will be satisfied and that our facility should be eligible to produce NH RECs for all generation during Q3 2019.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Plant Manager

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