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Mr. Louis Dinsmore
NE Renewable Power, LLC – Whitefield
260 Airport Road
Whitefield, NH 03598

Re: RPS 2023-001 Notice of Re-certification of NE Renewable Power, LLC-Whitefield for RPS Class III Eligibility

Dear Mr. Dinsmore:

On March 13, 2017, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) certified the NE Renewable Power, LLC Whitefield biomass facility (Facility), located at 260 Airport Road, Whitefield, New Hampshire, as eligible to produce both Class I and Class III renewable energy certificates (RECs). As of July 1, 2021, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) became responsible for administering the New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), and related PUC rules and orders, under N.H. RSA 362-F, as amended by 2021 N.H. Laws Chapter 91.

On May 5, 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) notified the Department that the Facility tested above the applicable nitrogen oxide emissions limitation for the first quarter of 2023, and, as a result, pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 2502.18 and Puc 2505.04(h), the Facility did not qualify to produce Class III RECs beginning as of the first quarter of 2023.

After providing notice and opportunity for hearing pursuant to Puc 2505.11(e), the Department suspended the certification of the Facility effective November 5, 2023, for failure to comply with emissions limitations of RSA 362-F:12. *See Puc 2505.11 and RPS 2023-001 Notice of RPS Class III Non-Eligibility and Pending Suspension of Facility REC Certification: Opportunity to Request Hearing*

On July 25, 2024, the Department received notification from NHDES that the Facility completed testing Q1 2024, which was reviewed by NHDES and found to be in compliance with emissions requirements. On August 13, 2024 NHDES issued the Second Quarter Emissions Verification Summary for Certified Renewable Energy Sources and included the Facility as an eligible REC source because it is among the facilities that meet average emission rates of 0.02 lb/MMBtu and

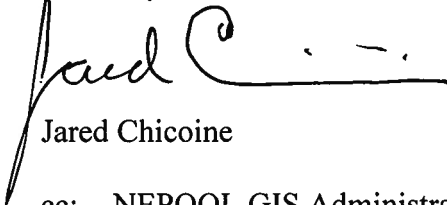
0.075 lb/MMBtu, for particulate (TSP) and nitrogen oxides (NOx), respectively for calendar quarter two, April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Under Puc 2505.11(c) and (d), a suspension will be lifted upon demonstration to the Department by NHDES that the facility meets the emissions requirements and is operating in accordance with best management practices. After such demonstration the facility will be certified to receive RECs as of the next calendar quarter.

On August 22, 2024, the Department granted wavier of Puc 2505.11(d) so that the NE Renewable Power, LLC thermal energy facility located at 260 Airport Road, Whitefield, New Hampshire can be certified as eligible to produce Class III/I Thermal RECs as of April 1, 2024.

Based upon the foregoing, the suspension is lifted, and the Department hereby recertifies the Facility as eligible to be issued New Hampshire Class III/I Thermal RECs for production beginning with the start of calendar quarter two of 2024, April 1, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Chicoine", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jared Chicoine

cc: NEPOOL GIS Administrator
Michael O'Brien, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services