

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION DOCKET NO. 3814-A  
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE  
FILED BY NORTH HARTLAND, LLC – NEW GENERATION

ORDER

WHEREAS, Effective January 1, 2006, the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") adopted Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard (RES Regulations) including requirements for applicants seeking certification as an Eligible Renewable Energy Resource under the RES Regulations<sup>1</sup> pursuant to the Renewable Energy Act, Section 39-26-1 et. seq. of the General Laws of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2007, North Hartland, LLC ("Company", Authorized Representative: Richard A. Normand, President c/o Essex Hydro Associates, L.L.C., 55 Union Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Fl., Boston, MA 02108, 617-367-0032, ran@essexhydro.com) filed with the Commission two applications seeking certification for its North Hartland Hydroelectric Project Generation Unit, a 4.664 maximum MW Small Hydro energy Generation Unit located in Hartland, Vermont, as a resource capable of producing either as a New Renewable Energy Resources or as both a New and Existing Renewable Energy Resource under the State of Rhode Island RES Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 6.0 and other relevant Sections of the RES Regulations, a thirty (30) day period for public comment was provided during which time one such comment was received, and

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<sup>1</sup> State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Public Utilities Commission Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard – Date of Public Notice: September 23, 2005, Date of Public Hearing: October 12, 2005, Effective Date: January 1, 2006.

WHEREAS, On May 31, 2007, supplemental and clarifying information was provided to Commission Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's April 9, 2007 request for said information, and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included responses to all written questions; a revised Appendix C; and Excel spreadsheet with data documenting the calculation of: pre-efficiency improvement production under three scenarios, post-efficiency improvement production, and resulting percentages associated with existing and new incremental intermittent generation; a request that the Commission certify a portion of its production as a New Renewable Energy Resource and the balance as an Existing Renewable Energy Resource; and a request that the Commission certify the North Hartland Hydroelectric Project effective as of the date of North Hartland LLC's original filing or the earliest subsequent date as is permissible; and

WHEREAS, After examination, the Commission is of the opinion that the application, including said supplemental information is proper, reasonable and in compliance with the RES Regulations, and hereby grants the Company certification as an eligible renewable energy resource pursuant to the Renewable Energy Act, Section 39-26-1 et. seq. of the General Laws of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The Commission's determination in this docket is based on the information submitted by the Company, and the Commission may reverse its ruling or revoke the Applicant's certification if any material information provided by the Applicant proves to be false or misleading; and

WHEREAS, As is the Commission's regular practice, generation eligible for the production of Rhode Island Renewable Energy Certificates must be produced on or after the effective date below.

Accordingly, it is

(18984) ORDERED:

1) That twenty-five and six tenths percent (25.6%) of the monthly generation from the North Hartland Hydroelectric Generation Unit, meets the requirements for eligibility as an New, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 4.664 maximum MW, Intermittent, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date in 1985 and located within the NEPOOL Control Area in Hartland, Vermont.

2) That the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is 11126.

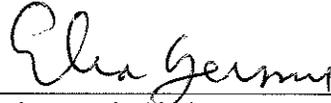
3) That the Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-3814A-N07.

4) That, although the Commission will rely upon the NEPOOL GIS for verification of production of energy from the Company's Generation Unit certified as eligible in this Order, the Company will provide information and access as necessary to the Commission, or persons acting at its behest, to conduct audits or site visits to assist in verification of continued eligibility for and compliance with RI RES Certification at any time at the Commission's discretion.

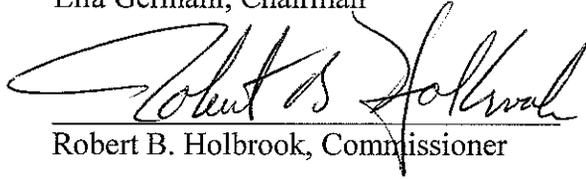
5) That the Company shall notify the Commission in the event of a change in the facility's eligibility status.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON  
JUNE 14, 2007 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN  
ORDER ISSUED JUNE 16, 2007.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Elia Germani, Chairman



Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner



Mary E. Bray, Commissioner