

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR STANDARD CERTIFICATION DOCKET NO. 4275
AS ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE
FILED BY NORTH AMERICA ENERGY ALLIANCE, LLC – RED BRIDGE
PROJECT 79.94% EXISTING 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 Regulations¹ pursuant to the Renewable Energy Act, Section 39-26-1 et. seq. of the General Laws of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, On August 02, 2011, North America Energy Alliance, LLC ("Company", Authorized Representative: William P. Short III, consultant) filed with the Commission an application seeking certification for its Red Bridge Project Generation Unit, a 4.5 MW Small Hydro energy Generation Unit located in Wilbraham, MA, as a resource capable of producing 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 no such comments were received; and

¹ 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 September 26, 2011, October 12, 2011, and March 20, 2012, supplemental and clarifying information was provided to Commission Staff and their application review consultant in response to the application review consultant's September 26, 2011, September 27, 2011, and March 16, 2012 requests for said information; and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental and clarifying information included: additional information regarding attributes of the river and dam, recalculated New Generation vs. Existing Generation percentage based on USGS historical river flow data and an extended Historical Generation Baseline; and a clarifying statement of the portion of generation to be considered as New Generation vs. Existing Generation; 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;

Accordingly, it is

(20687) ORDERED:

1) That seventy-nine and ninety-four-hundredths of a percent (79.94%) of the monthly generation from the Red Bridge Project Generation Unit, meets the requirements

for eligibility as an Existing, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource with its 4.5MW, Intermittent, Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date of January 01, 1926 and located within the NEPOOL Control Area in Wilbraham, MA.

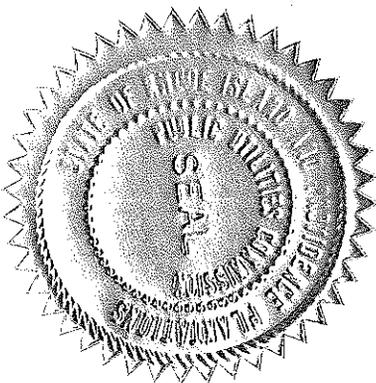
2) That the Generation Unit's NEPOOL-GIS Identification Number is #MSS 874.

3) That the Company's Generation Unit as identified above is hereby assigned unique certification number RI-4275-E12.

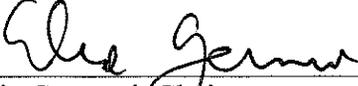
4) That, although the Commission will rely upon the NEPOOL GIS for verification of production of energy from the Company's Generation Unit certified as eligible in this Order, the Company will provide information and access as necessary to the Commission, or persons acting at its behest, to conduct audits 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.

6) 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 MARCH 29, 2012 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED APRIL 4, 2012.



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Elia Germani, Chairman



Mary E. Bray, Commissioner



Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner