CAE-011 Q:

Describe the NEPOOL GIS requirements for verifying Class I REC eligibility.

CAE-011 A:

The New England Power Pool Generation Information System ("NEPOOL GIS") itself does not determine Connecticut Class I eligibility. Instead, GIS acts as a registry and will only approve eligibility after the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA) has issued certification.

After GIS registration, the generator submits a Connecticut Class I Renewable Energy Source Certification ("Class I") Application to PURA. Per the Authority's determination of eligibility, under the Connecticut Renewable Portfolio Standard ("CT RPS"), PURA reviews:

1. Technology type (must meet CT Class I definition)
2. Fuel/resource eligibility
3. Commercial operation status
4. Metering and project details

After reviewing, PURA assigns a docket number and issues a Final Decision which explicitly states whether the facility qualifies as a Connecticut Class I resource. This document constitutes an authoritative determination of eligibility.

GIS approval occurs when PURA's GIS Final Decision / certification document is received by the GIS administrator. The administrator confirms the PURA Class I certification, links it to the registered generator and updates the project to "Approved." This process is sometimes informally referred to by market participants as "GIS verification"; however, it is an endorsement of the PURA's decision, rather than an independent determination. Once Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs") are issued in the NEPOOL GIS on a quarterly basis, they are recorded and designated within the GIS as Class I RECs, consistent with applicable eligibility criteria.