STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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DOCKET NO. 26-09-13 APPLICATION OF GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATION FOR QUALIFICATION OF BOLTON FALLS HYDRO, WINOOSKI RIVER, DUXBURY, VT AS A CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE

October 22, 2026

By the following Commissioners:

Thomas H. Wiehl
David Arconti, Jr.
Janice A. Beecher
Holly H. Cheeseman
Everett Smith, III

PROPOSED FINAL DECISION

This proposed final Decision is being distributed to the parties in this proceeding for comment. The proposed Decision is not final. The Authority will consider the parties' arguments and exceptions before reaching a final Decision, which may differ from the proposed Decision. Therefore, this proposed Decision does not establish any precedent and does not necessarily represent the Authority's final conclusion.

PROPOSED FINAL DECISION

I. INTRODUCTION

A. SUMMARY

In this Decision, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority determines that the Bolton Falls hydropower generation facility located on Winooski River in Duxbury, Vermont qualifies as a Class I renewable energy source.

B. BACKGROUND OF THE PROCEEDING

By Application received September 22, 2026 (Application), Green Mountain Power Corporation (Company) requests that the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority) determine that the Bolton Falls hydropower generation facility (Bolton Falls or Project) qualifies as a Class I renewable energy source.

C. CONDUCT OF THE PROCEEDING

There is no statutory requirement for a hearing, no person requested a hearing, and none was held.

D. PARTICIPANTS

The Authority recognized the following as Participants to this proceeding: Green Mountain Power Corporation, 163 Acorn Lane, Colchester, VT 05404; the Office of Consumer Counsel, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051; and the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

II. STANDARD REVIEW

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-1(a)(20), "Class I renewable energy source" includes energy derived from a run-of-river hydropower facility that received a new license after January 1, 2018, has a generating capacity of not more than 60 megawatts, is not based on a new dam or a dam identified as a candidate for removal, and meets applicable state and federal requirements, including state dam safety requirements and applicable site-specific standards for water quality and fish passage.

III. AUTHORITY ANALYSIS

As provided in the Application, Bolton Falls generates electricity using hydropower. The Project is located on the Winooski River in Duxbury, Vermont. Bolton Falls originally began commercial operation on February 5, 1982, and received an Order Issuing New License from FERC on October 5, 2022 (New License). The New License requires the Project to operate on a peaking basis and fluctuate the reservoir level between 391.00

and 397.00 feet while discharging through the powerhouse a minimum flow of 300 cfs10 or inflow, whichever is less, downstream into the Winooski River. However, the Company voluntarily operates the project in a run-of-the-river mode with project outflows approximating inflows to the impoundment at any given point in time.

Bolton Falls has an installed capacity of 7.5 MW. The Project's NEPOOL GIS Identification Number is MSS346. Bolton Falls is a grid-connected generation facility located in Vermont, which is within the control area of the ISO-NE.

According to its New License, the Project is not based on a new dam or a dam identified as a candidate for removal. Bolton Falls meets all applicable requirements, including state dam safety requirements and applicable site-specific standards for water quality and fish passage.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Authority reviewed all information in the record and finds that pursuant to General Statutes § 16-1(a)(20), the Facility qualifies as a Class I renewable energy source, effective July 1, 2026. The Authority assigns the Facility Connecticut Renewable Portfolio Standard Registration No. CT260913.

The Authority's determination in this docket is based on the information submitted by the Company. The Authority may reverse its ruling or revoke the Company's registration if any material information provided proves to be false or misleading. The Company is reminded that it is obligated to notify the Authority within 10 days of any changes to any of the information it has provided.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Decision issued by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, State of Connecticut, and was forwarded by Certified Mail to all parties of record in this proceeding on the date indicated.

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Executive Secretary
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Date