STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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DOCKET NO. 26-09-14 APPLICATION OF GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATION FOR QUALIFICATION OF NEWBURY HYDRO, WELLS RIVER, NEWBURY, VT AS A CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE

October 26, 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.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. SUMMARY

In this Decision, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority determines that the Newbury hydropower generation facility located on the Wells River in Newbury, 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 Newbury hydropower, generation facility (Newbury 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, Newbury generates electricity using hydropower. The Project is located on the Wells River in Newbury, Vermont. Newbury originally began commercial operation on September 8, 1983, and received an Order Issuing Subsequent License from FERC on March 28, 2024 (Subsequent License). The Subsequent License

requires the Project to operate in a run-of-the-river mode where project outflow approximates inflow on a continuous basis.

Newbury has an installed capacity of 0.365 MW. The Project's NEPOOL GIS Identification Number is NON178956. Newbury is a behind-the-meter generation facility located in Vermont, which is within the control area of the ISO-NE. VELCO is the third-party verifier of the electricity produced.

According to its Subsequent License, the Project is not based on a new dam or a dam identified as a candidate for removal. Newbury 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. CT260914.

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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Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Date