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Dear NAME:

Thank you for your interest in the Environmental Choice^M Program (ECP). We understand that COMPANY requires a "level of comfort" as to the possibility of obtaining "Renewable Low-impact Electricity" certification by the ECP for electricity to be generated by the proposed FACILITY / PROJECT NAME in the FACILITY / PROJECT LOCATION. We hope this "letter of opinion" meets your needs.

We understand that the FACILITY / PROJECT NAME will be located on EXACT LOCATION POSSIBLY INCLUDING LATITUDE / LONGITUDE DEGREES, DISTANCES FROM ROADS, ETC. Conceptual studies and design indicate that the project will have a rated capacity of XX megawatts with an estimated annual production of XX gigawatt-hours, and is scheduled to be commercially operational by EXPECTED / PLANNED COD.

We also understand that the proposed site layout consists of the following: DETAILS REGARDING DESIGN, PHYSICAL STRUCTURES, TRANSMISSION LINES, ETC.

We further understand that the following activities and studies have occurred as part of project design:

- ***NOTE THAT THE LIST BELOW IS ONLY A SAMPLE OF THE TYPES OF INFORMATION A PROPONENT COULD SUBMIT. IT IS NOT AN EXCLUSIVE LIST.***
- NAME OF CONSULTANTS HIRED TO ASSIST IN EIA PROCESS;
- LICENSES EITHER OBTAINED OR IN-PROCESS;
- PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS DETAILS;
- SPECIES STUDIES EITHER UNDERWAY OR COMPLETED;
- HABITAT ASSESSMENTS EITHER UNDERWAY OR COMPLETED; AND/OR
- OTHER DETAILS REGARDING POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES.

As you know, the Environmental Choice^M Program can only certify a generation facility and its electricity when that facility is actually operational and generating electricity. Therefore, the FACILITY / PROJECT NAME is not ready for certification at this time. However, we believe that we can arrive at a satisfactory conclusion regarding certification provided that we can be confident that the project would meet our criteria, including *inter alia* the elements listed below.

General Requirements for all Resource Types:

- Generation occurs in a manner that is reliable and practical.
- The facility is actually in operation, and not at development, planning and/or construction stages.
- Appropriate consultation with communities and stakeholders has occurred, issues of concern have been reasonably addressed, and, where applicable, reasonable mitigation of negative impacts has been addressed.

- Prior or conflicting land-use, biodiversity losses and scenic, recreational and cultural values have been addressed during project planning and development.
- No adverse impacts are created for any species recognized as endangered or threatened.
- Only that proportion of electricity generated by the fuel heat input attributable to eligible renewable sources is designated as ECP-certified.
- A criteria statement appears with the EcoLogo^M whenever the EcoLogo^M is used in association with the electricity to help ensure reasons for certification are not misrepresented.

Specific Requirements for XXX Resource:

- ***NOTE THAT THE LIST BELOW IS SPECIFIC TO A HYDRO GENERATING STATION. THIS LIST WILL DIFFER FOR EACH ELIGIBLE RESOURCE (WATER, WIND, SOLAR, BIOMASS & BIOGAS), AND WILL BE COMPRISED OF THE CRITERIA FROM CCD-003 FOR THAT RESOURCE.***
- The generating facility:
 - Operates in compliance with all regulatory licenses, regulatory requirements and/or other authorizations pertaining to fisheries, water levels and water flows, without regard to waivers or variances;
 - Does not operate under any authorization with terms and conditions allowing the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction (HADD) of fish habitat unless:
 - such HADD is not affecting the limiting factor controlling productive capacity,
 - any loss of affected habitat is compensated by creation of similar habitat, supporting the same stock, at or near the site within the same ecological unit such that the created habitat replaces lost productive capacity, within an approved safety factor;
 - Causes as much water to flow out of the “water storage area” or “head pond” as is received in any 48-hour period as a maximum;
 - Operates so that:
 - reduced flows are not detrimental to indigenous aquatic and riparian species;
 - instream flows downstream are adequate to support downstream indigenous aquatic and riparian species at pre-project ranges;
 - resulting water quality is comparable to that in similar free-flowing or unaltered bodies of water or waterways in the area;
 - water temperature changes are not detrimental to indigenous aquatic species;
 - fish passage is provided where a human-made structure is placed across a waterway where no natural barriers exist; and
 - measures necessary to minimize fish mortality from impingement and entrainment are provided.

FOR PROJECTS WITH MULTIPLE FUEL SOURCES ONLY:

We understand that the Project will generate energy using the following fuel types:

- [inserted list of fuel types].

As specified in the criteria document CCD-003, ***only*** the following combustible fuels are eligible for generating electricity that could obtain EcoLogo^M certification:

- Biogas: gaseous products (primarily methane and carbon dioxide) produced by the anaerobic decomposition of organic wastes. Facilities producing biogas include *inter alia* landfill sites, sewage treatment plants and anaerobic digestion organic waste processing facilities.
- Clean biomass: organic materials as listed below that have, at no stage in their lifecycle, been treated with organic and/or inorganic substances to change, protect or supplement the physical properties of the materials (including *inter alia* synthetic chemical pest-control products, fungicides, wood preservatives, paints, varnishes or other surfaces coatings, halogenated compounds and/or compounds containing heavy metals). Specific types of clean biomass recognized in the criteria document include:
 - the wood-wastes and agricultural wastes that are solid residues arising from the harvesting and processing of agricultural crops or forestry products that might otherwise be sent to landfill and/or incinerated,
 - dedicated energy crops,

- liquid fuels derived from biomass as defined in the two items directly above, including *inter alia* ethanol, biodiesel, and methanol, and
- clean organically-sourced material that has been separated from municipal solid waste (MSW), and subsequently processed (e.g., pelletization, gasification) to serve as a combustion fuel.

Clean biomass does not include materials for which other diversion methods are a viable alternative (e.g., soil amending, farm land applications, horticultural applications), nor the treated by-products of manufacturing processes (e.g., treated chipwood or plywood, painted woods, pressure treated lumber);

- Dedicated energy crops: non-food crops grown specifically for their fuel value, and in the case of the criteria document, for electricity generation. These sources include *inter alia* short-rotation woody crops (such as poplar trees) and herbaceous energy crops (such as switch grass).
- De-inking sludge: solid material filtered out of the wastewater from the process used to remove ink and other undesirable materials from printed wastepaper.
- Wood wastes and agricultural wastes: a form of clean biomass, and includes *inter alia*:
 - mill residues (e.g. waste by-products associated with the processing of forest materials such as bark, sawdust, solid trim, shavings, veneer clippings, clarifier sludge, pulping liquors),
 - logging residues (e.g. residual materials left in the forest following harvesting such as slash, sortyard debris, thinning, stumps, roots),
 - crop residues (e.g. materials not needed for soil re-incorporation such as straw, chaff, corn cobs, bean residues, and dried stalks of harvested grain), and
 - untreated construction and demolition wastes.

Since COMPANY has formally applied for EcoLogo^M certification, and, if the completed FACILITY / PROJECT NAME in the FACILITY / PROJECT LOCATION met the applicable licensing criteria (as listed above and in the criteria document CCD-003), this project would be in a position to receive ECP certification.

Please keep us informed as to your project schedule and when you would like to continue with the ECP verification and certification processes.

Sincerely,

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