



September 11, 2014

Sustainability Tracking and Assessment Rating System (STARS) Innovation Credit

Re: Carbon Neutrality Innovation Affirmation

To Whom It May Concern:

After over a decade of effort to measure, avoid, and reduce carbon emissions, Colby College announced April 4, 2013 that it achieved carbon neutrality. The accomplishment makes Colby the fourth college in the country to do so, and it comes two years before the target date that the College had set for itself.

A number of campus initiatives contributed to this effort including: Colby's move to 100-percent renewable electricity sources in 2003, pursuing LEED certification in all new construction projects, retrofitting energy-intensive components of existing buildings, using sustainably harvested wood biomass instead of oil as its primary fuel for its campus steam plant in 2012, using cogeneration to produce 10% of our electricity from the biomass plant, and purchasing third-party certified carbon offsets from projects across New England.

I, Douglas C. Terp, the Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer, affirm that Colby's carbon neutrality achievement meets the criteria for an innovation credit from STARS. As defined by STARS, innovative credits are reserved for new, extraordinary, unique, ground-breaking, or uncommon outcomes, policies, and practices that greatly exceed the highest criterion of an existing STARS credit or are not covered by an existing STARS credit.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Terp", written over a horizontal line.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

9/12/2014