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April 9, 2010

Gordon Pozza Vice President – Competitive Strategies Metromedia Energy, Inc. 281 Orchard Drive Mahwah, NJ 07430

Re: DM 10-046, Metromedia Energy, Inc. Renewal Registration as a Competitive Natural Gas Supplier Conditional Approval

Dear Mr. Pozza:

On March 8, 2010, Metromedia Energy, Inc. (Metromedia) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for renewal of registration as a competitive natural gas supplier (CNGS), together with a check in the amount of \$250.00. Metromedia's \$50,000 Surety Bond is set to expire on April 21, 2010 (re. DM 08-032). Metromedia has taken steps to extend the bond, and, in fact, had obtained an extension in the form of a continuous bond that will remain in effect until Metromedia requests it be terminated. Staff, however, has requested that minor changes be made to the bond, including an advance notice requirement to the Commission prior to a termination of the bond. Metromedia has informed Staff that the newly amended extension incorporating Staff's requested changes will be filed as soon as it is available, but not prior to the expiration date of its currently effective registration. On April 7, 2010, Staff filed a recommendation with the Commission that Metromedia be granted conditional approval, effective April 7, 2010, subject to the submission of an acceptable extension of the surety bond by April 30, 2010.

The Commission has reviewed Metromedia's application for renewal registration as a CNGS and finds that it meets the requirements for registration pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.01, with the exception of the filing of the extension to the surety bond. Therefore, the Commission will conditionally approve Metromedia as a CNGS in the State of New Hampshire, with the renewal registration to be effective April 7, 2010, which coincides with the expiration of the current registration. Upon submission of an acceptable extension of the surety bond, the Commission will issue a formal, non-conditional approval letter. Such

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letter will also include the Commission's decision on Metromedia's pending request for confidential treatment and request for waiver of the renewal application deadline.

Additionally, please bear in mind that pursuant to Puc 3003.01 (d), each CNGS applicant shall re-register with the Commission every 2 years by filing with the Commission an application for renewal. Each CNGS applicant shall file an application for renewal at least 60 days prior to the expiration of its current registration. In the case of Metromedia, this approved registration will expire on April 7, 2012 with the renewal application due on or before February 7, 2012. Instructions on how to properly file a renewal registration application are located on the Commission website at <u>http://www.puc.nh.gov/Gas-Steam/CNGS-Aggregator%20application%20instructions.pdf</u>.

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3000 – Competitive Natural Gas Marketer Rules, can be found on our website at <u>http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC3000.pdf</u>. If you have any questions regarding these provisions, please contact the Commission. Thank you for you cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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