

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation
DM 12-203 Glacial Natural Gas, Inc.
Competitive Natural Gas Supplier Registration Application

TO: Debra Howland
Executive Director



Staff has completed its review of the competitive natural gas supplier (CNGS) registration application for Glacial Natural Gas, Inc. (Glacial NG). The registration was initially filed on July 10, 2012 using the old Puc 3000 rules format with an update submitted on July 30, 2012 that uses the current Puc 3000 rules format. The updated registration application was in response to a Staff deficiency letter filed on July 13, 2012; however, additional matters requiring attention, including an updated surety bond, remained outstanding, and a secretarial letter regarding the status of Glacial NG's registration during the pendency of review in this docket was issued on September 12, 2012. An updated surety bond, in conformance with the requirements of Puc 3000, was filed by Glacial NG on October 18, 2012. The registration is now complete and in compliance with the CNGS renewal registration requirements of Puc 3003.02.

In accordance with Puc 3003.03, Staff had determined that the security requirement for Glacial NG be set at the minimum amount, \$100,000. Glacial NG had initially asked for a partial waiver with respect to duration of the bond. Subsequent to making that partial waiver request, Glacial NG filed the updated surety bond in full compliance with Puc 3003 requirements, as mentioned, on October 18, 2012, making the partial waiver request moot.

Staff notes one outstanding issue related to this application. Under the requirements of Puc 3006.01(a)(14), the applicant provides a description of a pending investigation by the Public Utilities Commission of Texas related to a complaint against an affiliate retail electric supplier, Glacial Energy of Texas, Inc. (see Exhibit 2 of the updated application in the instant docket). Glacial NG's CNGS operations in New Hampshire are in good standing, and in Staff's view, this Texas complaint does not have a material effect on Glacial NG's New Hampshire operations. Glacial NG also has an affiliate registered in New Hampshire as a competitive electric energy supplier (see Glacial Energy CEPS registration in DM 10-252).

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the registration application for Glacial NG to continue as a registered CNGS in New Hampshire. The effective date should coincide with the expiration date of the current registration (9/10/12).

This renewal CNGS registration will carry a term of five years from the effective date. Should you have any questions regarding this registration application, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Wyatt.