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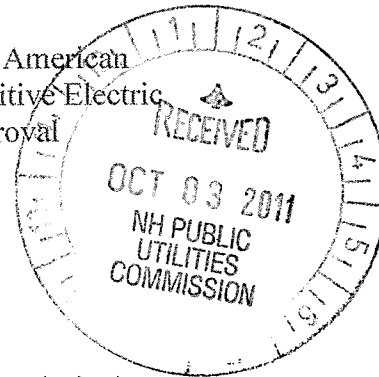
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SUBJECT: DM 11-119 Application of South Jersey Energy dba Halifax American Energy Company for renewal of Registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS); Staff's Recommendation for Approval

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On May 31, 2011, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from South Jersey Energy dba Halifax American Energy Company (SJE) for its registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS). In its application, SJE requested a waiver of Puc 2003.02(a) which requires the application for renewal be filed no less than 60 days prior to the expiration of the currently effective registration. SJE also mentioned that it would provide an updated financial surety in July. SJE's registration renewal was due 60 days before its registration expiration date of July 14, 2011. SJE stated that the delay was due to an oversight. On July 5, 2011, Staff requested supporting documentation regarding its arrangement with Halifax American Energy Company to act as the exclusive marketing agent for the South Jersey Energy Company in New Hampshire. On July 7, 2011, SJE provided a copy of the current agreement between the two companies. On September 7, 2011, SJE provided evidence of financial surety with an expiration date extended to July 31, 2016.

Considering the records of timely renewals since its registration in 2007, and the time difference between application due date and actual application date is considerably short, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the waiver of Puc 2003.02(a) for this renewal only.

Staff has reviewed SJE's application and believes that it meets the requirements of Puc 2006.01. It is Staff's recommendation that SJE's application to renew its registration as a CEPS in New Hampshire be approved.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.