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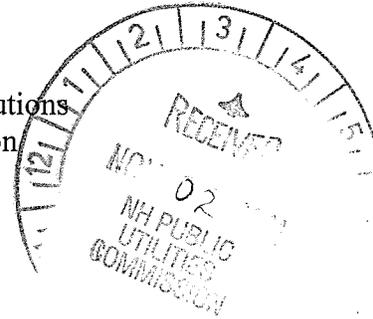
DATE: November 2, 2011

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM: Robert Wyatt *RJW*
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SUBJECT: DM 11-222 Staff Recommendation
Kevin J. Cobb & Associates Inc. d/b/a Quest Energy Solutions
Natural Gas Aggregator Renewal Registration Application

TO: Debra Howland
Executive Director



Staff has completed its review of the natural gas aggregator renewal registration application for Kevin J. Cobb & Associates Inc. d/b/a Quest Energy Solutions. The registration application was received on October 4, 2011. An amended response to part 6 of the original application was received on October 17, 2011. On October 27, 2011, Quest Energy Solutions submitted a request for waiver of rule Puc 3003.5(a) requiring renewal applications be filed at least 60 days prior to the expiration of an existing registration.

Staff does note that because the renewal registration application was received after the expiration of the prior registration, the current application could technically be treated as a new initial registration application (with a 2 year term and a \$250 application fee). Because the application has been filed as a renewal, with a supplemental letter request for waiver of the 60 day rule, Staff recommends a one-time exception, with approval of this waiver request and registration application as a renewal. The term of the renewal should have an effective start date of September 1, 2011 and continue for a full 5 year renewal period, through August 31, 2016. The effective date coincides with the August 31, 2011 expiration date of the prior registration. The approval letter should include a statement emphasizing that subsequent registration renewals should be filed in complete accordance with the requirements of our PUC 3000 rules.

The PUC web listing of approved natural gas aggregators has flagged Quest Energy Solutions with a current status of "Registration has expired". This designation has been posted since early September 2011 and will be removed upon the approval of this renewal registration.

Should you have any questions regarding this registration application, please do not hesitate to contact me.