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February 12, 2014

Clifford Ginn, President  
Union Atlantic Electricity  
220 Maine Mall Road  
South Portland, ME 04106

Re: DM 13-246, Union Atlantic Electricity  
Application to Register as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Mr. Ginn:

On August 28, 2013, Union Atlantic Electricity (Union) filed an application with the Commission to register as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). In its filing, Union pointed out that in an earlier application under docket number DM 12-315, it submitted a certificate demonstrating it completed electronic data interchange testing with New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC). On January 2, 2014, Union filed an EDI certificate from PSNH and a surety bond with a term that ends December 15, 2014. With its January 2, 2014 filing, Union also requested a waiver of N.H. Code of Admin. Rule Puc 2003.03(a)(5), which requires that the surety bond be for a term of 5 years and 150 days. On February 6, 2014, Union filed copies of its contracts for residential and commercial customers.

Commission Staff reviewed the information and determined that, if the waiver is granted, the application complies with the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.02. Staff recommended that the Commission grant the waiver request and approve the registration for a term that begins with the date of the approval letter and ends concurrently with the expiration date of the surety bond, December 15, 2014. Staff also recommended that Union be informed the financial security rules are likely to change before December 2014, and that it should monitor the rulemaking process and plan accordingly.

The Commission may waive a rule pursuant to Puc 201.05 if it finds the waiver serves the public interest and the waiver does not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. The Commission has determined that the applicable standards for a waiver are satisfied here and that granting a waiver, subject to the conditions suggested by Staff, is consistent with the public good.

Accordingly, the Commission approves Union's application to register as a CEPS for a term that ends December 15, 2014, and permits it to operate only in the service areas of PSNH and NHEC, effective February 12, 2014. If Union seeks to extend its operations to the franchise areas of other distribution utilities, it must file a request with the Commission stating this and provide evidence that it has completed EDI testing with those distribution utilities. Pursuant to Puc 2003.02(a), Union must submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the registration approved here, on or before October 16, 2014.

Please be aware registered CEPSs are subject to specific requirements contained in Puc 2000 – Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These rules are available at: <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC2000.pdf>. Finally, as noted above, the financial security rules set out in Puc 2003.05(a)(5) are likely to change. Please monitor the Commission's website for notice of this rulemaking process and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland  
Executive Secretary

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