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## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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October 9, 2014

Ruth L. Davis President Ground Energy Support LLC 2 Washington Street, Suite 217

Re:

DE 14-232, Ruth L. Davis

Ground Energy Support LLC, Registration as an Independent Monitor

Dear Ms. Davis:

Dover, NH 03820

On September 11, 2014, Ground Energy Support LLC (Ground Energy Support), through its president, Ruth L. Davis, filed an application for Ms. Davis to serve as an independent monitor for geothermal useful thermal energy. Ground Energy Support provided official documentation of Ms. Davis' certification as an International Ground Source Heat Pump Association (IGSHPA) accredited installer. IGSHPA certification is an acceptable qualification for certification as an independent monitor of useful thermal geothermal energy production. <sup>1</sup>

Staff has reviewed the application, found it to be complete, and stated that it meets the requirements for certification inasmuch as Ms. Davis is IGSHPA certified. Based on Staff's recommendation, the Commission has determined that the application meets the requirements for Ms. Davis to be certified as an independent monitor of useful thermal energy production, pursuant to the proposed Puc 2505.09.

Independent monitors in the State of New Hampshire are subject to the following specific requirements:

• The independent monitor shall not receive compensation for monitoring services that is a function of the number of certificates issued to any source using the independent monitor.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Proposed Puc 2505.09(j).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Proposed Amendments to Puc 2500 as contemplated by Order No. 25,678 (June 19, 2014) issued in Docket No. DRM 14-095 effective as of July 23, 2014.

- No customer-sited source or source producing useful thermal energy shall use an independent monitor who:
  - o is a member of the immediate family of the owner of the source;
  - o holds a direct or indirect ownership interest in the source; or,
  - o who sold or installed the equipment used by the source. Proposed Puc 2505.09(g).

The duties of the independent monitor of useful thermal energy production shall be:

- To perform an initial inspection of the source's meters for accuracy and capability to measure the useful thermal energy produced, unless the meter is owned by a distribution utility that has already inspected it pursuant to Puc 305:
- To measure quarterly the source's useful thermal energy production used to qualify for certificates pursuant to the GIS operating rules; and,
- To report the production of useful thermal energy from the source and the REC calculation to the customer and the GIS quarterly in accordance with the GIS operating rules. Proposed Puc 2505.09(i).

An independent monitor shall also provide the Commission with notice prior to discontinuing services as an independent monitor.<sup>3</sup> If you have any questions regarding these provisions, please contact the Commission.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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cc: James Webb, GIS Administrator

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Proposed Puc 2505.09(k).

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