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Thomas A. Moore, Legal Analyst Mint Energy, LLC One Rounder Way, Suite 220 Burlington, MA 01803

Re: DM 15-070, Mint Energy, LLC Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Mr. Moore:

On February 17, 2015, Mint Energy, LLC (Mint Energy) submitted an application to the Commission to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). The application included a certificate demonstrating that Mint Energy had completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), an amendment to the existing letter of credit that extends the term to October 31, 2017, and a request for waiver of N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.03(a)(5), which requires that the financial security filed with a CEPS renewal application have a term of no less than five years and 90 days. On April 16, 2015, Mint Energy filed a letter confirming that it would continue to use the small commercial customer contract submitted with its prior CEPS registration application, in Docket No. DM 14-008.

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on April 16, 2015, and noted that, if the rule 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 April 16, 2015 and ends concurrently with the expiration date of the amended letter of credit, October 31, 2017. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize Mint Energy to operate only in the franchise area of Eversource. Finally, Staff recommended that Mint Energy be informed that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2015 and that it should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly.

The Commission has reviewed Mint Energy's renewal application and Staff's recommendation and has granted the requested rule waiver and approved the application as recommended. Accordingly, Mint Energy's application to renew its registration as a CEPS, authorized to operate only in the franchise area of Eversource, is granted for a term beginning on April 16, 2015 and ending on October 31, 2017. Pursuant to Puc 2003.02(a), Mint Energy must

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submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before September 1, 2017.

Please be aware that registered CEPSs are subject to specific requirements contained in Puc 2000 – Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These rules are available at: <u>http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC2000.pdf</u>.

In addition, CEPS must comply with the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) requirements of RSA 362-F. The RPS obligation applies to every "provider of electricity," as defined in RSA 362-F:2, XIV, which includes registered CEPS. Please also refer to the Puc 2500 rules for further details regarding RPS compliance and reporting requirements. RPS compliance is on a calendar year basis and must be reported to the Commission by July 1 of the subsequent calendar year. Pursuant to RSA 378:49, all CEPS also must comply with the requirement to disclose environmental characteristics of the electricity they sell to retail customers. Commission Order No. 25,264, in Docket No. DE 10-226, provides guidance as to the appropriate format for such disclosure. Order No. 25,264 can be viewed at: http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Orders/2011orders/25264e.pdf.

Finally, as noted above, the financial security rules set forth in Puc 2003.05(a)(5) are likely to change. Please monitor the Commission's website for notice of this rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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