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February 20, 2015

Robert Abraham Customized Energy Solutions, LTD 1528 Walnut Street, 22nd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: DM 15-071, Ethical Electric, Inc. Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Mr. Abraham:

On February 17, 2015, Ethical Electric, Inc. (Ethical Electric) submitted an application to the Commission to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). The application included a certificate demonstrating that Ethical Electric had completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) and a sample residential and small commercial contract. Also on February 17, 2015, under a separate filing, Ethical Electric submitted a continuation certificate to the existing surety bond that extends the term to April 15, 2016, 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 not less than five years and 90 days.

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on February 19, 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 surety bond, April 15, 2016. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize Ethical Electric to operate only in the franchise area of NHEC. Finally, Staff recommended that Ethical Electric 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 Ethical Electric's renewal application and Staff's recommendation and has granted the requested rule waiver and approved the application as recommended. Accordingly, Ethical Electric's application to renew its registration as a CEPS, authorized to operate only in the franchise area of NHEC, is granted for a term beginning on April 16, 2015 and ending on April 15, 2015. Pursuant to Puc 2003.02(a), Ethical Electric must submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before February 15, 2016.

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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>. 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 and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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