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SUBJECT: DM 15-287, Reliant Energy Northeast LLC
Application for Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

Reliant Energy has applied to become a competitive electric power supplier. Reliant Energy submitted a certificate demonstrating it completed EDI testing with Eversource Energy and a surety bond in the amount of \$250,000. Reliant Energy stated that it intends to serve residential and small commercial customers. Staff believes the filing is acceptable. Staff recommends the Commission approve the application, for service in the franchise area of Eversource for a five year initial registration period.

Background and Analysis

On July 22, 2015, Reliant Energy Northeast LLC (Reliant Energy) filed an application to register as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). Reliant Energy's application included a surety bond in the amount of \$250,000, which became effective on May 29, 2015, and names the Commission as obligee, sample contracts for residential and small commercial customers, and evidence that it is able to obtain supply in the New England energy market.

On October 6, 2015, Reliant Energy filed revisions to the residential and small commercial customer contracts and documentation that shows that it is authorized to use the trade name "NRG Business" in the State of New Hampshire. On October 20, 2015, Reliant Energy filed a rider that extends the term of the bond to December 22, 2020. On November 19, 2015, Reliant Energy requested an extension of time, until December 18, 2015, for review of its application. On November 23, 2015, the Commission granted the request for an extension. On December 18, 2015, Reliant Energy filed a certificate that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource).

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.01. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the registration for a term of five years. Staff also recommends that the Commission notify Reliant Energy that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2016

and that Reliant Energy should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly with respect to future operations in New Hampshire.

Reliant Energy filed documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Eversource. Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission approve Reliant Energy's application to register as a CEPS, and that it permit Reliant Energy to operate only in the service area of Eversource. If Reliant Energy seeks to operate in the service areas of other distribution utilities, it can do so by filing a request with the Commission to extend its service area, and by providing proof that it has completed EDI testing with each distribution utility in whose franchise area it requests authority to operate. Staff will then review the request and make a recommendation to the Commission.

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