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Inter-Department Communication

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DATE: March 23, 2016 **AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III

SUBJECT: DM 15-373 Direct Energy Business, LLC Request to Expand Service Area

> **TO:** Commission Debra Howland, Executive Director

On March 22, 2016, Direct Energy Business, LLC (Direct Energy Business), a competitive electric power supplier currently authorized to operate in the franchise areas of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Liberty Utilities, filed a request to expand its service territory to include the franchise area of Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource). Direct Energy Business provided a copy of a certificate demonstrating that it had completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Eversource.

Staff reviewed the information in the request and believes Direct Energy Business's filing meets the requirements to extend its service territory into the franchise area of Eversource. Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission approve Direct Energy Business's request to include the franchise area of Eversource in its service territory. Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND

DEBRA A HOWLAND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NHPUC 21 S. FRUIT ST, SUITE 10 CONCORD NH 03301-2429

- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.