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Chris Lowe, Controller First Point Power, LLC 300 Jefferson Blvd, Suite 104 Warwick, RI 02888

Re: DM 16-221, First Point Power, LLC

Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Mr. Lowe:

On February 2, 2016 First Point Power, LLC (First Point Power) submitted an application to the Commission to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). The application included a form of residential and small commercial customer contract and documentation that demonstrates it has completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), Liberty Utilities (Liberty), and Unitil Energy Systems (UES). Also on February 2, 2016, under a separate filing, First Point Power filed a continuation certificate to the existing surety bond that extends the term to June 4, 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 not less than five years and 90 days. On February 19, 2016, First Point Power filed a revised residential and small commercial customer contract.

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on February 24, 2016, and noted that, if a waiver of the financial security term requirement is granted, the application complies with the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.01. Staff recommended that the Commission grant the request for the waiver of the financial security term requirement and approve the registration for a term that begins June 4, 2016 and ends concurrently with the expiration date of the surety bond, on June 4, 2017. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize First Point Power to operate in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES. Finally, Staff recommended that First Point Power be informed that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2016 and that it should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly.

The Commission has reviewed First Point Power's renewal application and Staff's recommendation, and has granted the requested rule waiver, having found the waiver is for good cause and in the public interest, and has approved the application as recommended. Accordingly, First Point Power's application to renew its registration as a CEPS, authorized to operate in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES, is granted for a term beginning on June 4, 2016 and ending on June 4, 2017. Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.02(a), First Point Power must submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before April 5, 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: <a href="http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC2000.pdf">http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC2000.pdf</a>.

Each CEPS also must input into a shopping comparison website maintained by the Commission, information regarding its standard pricing policies, charges, and key terms for residential and small commercial customers. This information must be updated whenever it changes, but no less frequently than once per month. These requirements are intended to comply with RSA 374-F:4-b, II. Following its initial registration, each CEPS will be sent by electronic mail a link to the website through which it must input the required information.

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: <a href="http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Orders/2011orders/25264e.pdf">http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Orders/2011orders/25264e.pdf</a>.

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,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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