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FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III

SUBJECT: DM 16-705, TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd.
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier 

TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

TransCanada has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. TransCanada's current registration expires on August 28, 2016. TransCanada submitted certificates demonstrating it completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, and UES and a parental guaranty in the amount \$350,000. TransCanada stated that it will serve only large commercial, industrial, and institutional customers and did not state it would serve residential and small commercial customers. Staff believes the filing is acceptable. Staff recommends the Commission approve the application, for service in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES, for a renewal registration period ending at the close of business on August 28, 2021.

Background and Analysis

On June 30, 2016, TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd. (TransCanada) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). TransCanada's currently active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket No. DM 11-197, expires on August 28, 2016. TransCanada's application included certificates demonstrating that it had completed EDI testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES), and a statement that it will only serve large commercial, industrial, and institutional customers. TransCanada did not state that it would be serving residential and small commercial customers. On July 6, 2016, TransCanada filed documentation that it is able to obtain supply in the New England energy market and evidence that it is properly registered and has the status of "Good Standing" with the New Hampshire Secretary of State. On July 13, 2016, TransCanada filed a parental guaranty in the amount of \$350,000 which names the Commission as the guaranteed party.

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and Puc 2006.01. Staff recommends that the Commission approve a renewal registration period with a five-year term, ending at the close of

business on August 28, 2021. Staff also recommends that the Commission notify TransCanada that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2016 and that TransCanada should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly with respect to future operations in New Hampshire.

TransCanada filed documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, and UES. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission approve TransCanada's application to register as a CEPS, and that it permit TransCanada to serve large commercial, industrial, and institutional customers, and not residential and small commercial customers, and operate only in the service areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES. If TransCanada seeks to operate in the service area of any other electric distribution company, 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 company 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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