

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Department Communication



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**FROM:** David Goyette, Utility Analyst III

**SUBJECT:** DM 16-760, PNE Energy Supply, LLC d/b/a Power New England  
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

**TO:** Commissioners  
Debra Howland, Executive Director

### Executive Summary

PNE has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. PNE's current registration expires on September 22, 2016. PNE submitted sample residential and small commercial customer contracts, certificates demonstrating it completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES, and evidence that PNE continues to maintain an escrow account for the benefit of the Commission in the amount of \$100,000. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the application, for service in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES, for a five-year renewal registration period.

### Background and Analysis

On July 15, 2016, Power NE Energy Supply, LLC d/b/a Power New England (PNE) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). PNE's currently active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket No. DM 11-075, expires on September 22, 2016. On August 9, 2016, PNE filed certificates demonstrating that it has 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), New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC), and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES), and evidence that it has maintained and continues to maintain an escrow account in the amount of \$100,000 for the benefit of the Commission, pursuant to Order No. 25,492, as modified by Order No. 25,667, issued in Docket No. DE 13-060. On September 7, 2016, PNE filed evidence that it is able to obtain supply in the New England energy market; on September 12, 2016, PNE filed evidence that the trade name "Power New England" is registered with the New Hampshire Secretary of State; and, on September 13, 2016, PNE filed revised forms of residential and small commercial customer contracts.

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 a renewal registration period for a term of five years, beginning on the expiration date of

the currently active registration, September 22, 2016, and ending at the close of business on September 21, 2021. Staff also recommends that the Commission notify PNE that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2016 and that PNE should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly with respect to future operations in New Hampshire.

PNE filed documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission approve PNE's application to renew its registration as a CEPS, and that it permit PNE to serve residential and small commercial customers and to operate in the service areas of Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES.

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