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March 7, 2017

Jeremy Reed, Regulatory Affairs Manager Clearview Electric, Inc. PO Box 130659 Dallas, TX 75313

Re: DM 17-012, Clearview Electric, Inc. d/b/a Clearview Energy Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Mr. Reed:

On January 20, 2017, Clearview Electric, Inc. d/b/a Clearview Energy (Clearview Energy) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). In connection with its application, Clearview Energy requested a waiver of Puc 2003.03(a)(5), which requires the financial security filed with a renewal application have a term of five years and 90 days.

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on March 7, 2017 that summarizes the filings made by Clearview Energy in connection with its application and Staff's analysis of the completed application and rule waiver request. Staff noted that, if a waiver of the financial security term requirement is granted, the application complies with the requirements of Puc 2003 and Puc 2006.01. Staff recommended that the Commission grant the request for waiver of the financial security term requirement and approve the registration for a term concurrent with the surety bond as extended, beginning on the expiration date of the currently active registration, March 21, 2017, and ending at the close of business on March 20, 2018. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize Clearview Energy to operate in the franchise areas of 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. (Unitil). Finally, Staff recommended that Clearview Energy be informed that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2017 and that it should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket DRM 16-853 and plan accordingly.

The Commission has reviewed Clearview Energy's application and Staff's recommendation and has granted the rule waiver as requested and approved the application, subject to the conditions in the stipulation and settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,994 (February 28, 2017), under Docket DE 17-002. Docket DE 17-002 can be accessed at the following link: <u>http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-002.html</u>. Accordingly, Clearview Energy's application to renew its registration as a CEPS, authorized to operate in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil, is granted for a term beginning on March 21, 2017 and ending at the close of business on March 20, 2018. Pursuant to Puc 2003.02(a), Clearview Energy must submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before January 20, 2018.

Please be aware that registered CEPS are subject to specific requirements contained in Puc 2000 – Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These rules are available at: <u>http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC2000.pdf</u>.

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: http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Orders/2011orders/25264e.pdf.

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 developments in the rulemaking process in Docket DRM 16-853 and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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