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FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III
SUBJECT: DM 17-012, Clearview Electric, Inc. d/b/a Clearview Energy
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier
TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

Clearview Energy has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. Clearview Energy's current registration expires on March 21, 2017. Clearview Energy submitted a sample residential and small commercial customer contract, certificates demonstrating it completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil, riders to its currently effective surety bond that extends the term by one year and increases the amount of coverage to \$350,000, and a request for a waiver of the five-year and 90-day term requirement for financial security. If the Commission were to grant the requested rule waiver, Staff believes the filing is acceptable. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the waiver and approve the application, for service in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil, for a renewal registration period ending on the termination date of the surety bond as extended.

Background and Analysis

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). Clearview Energy's currently active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket DM 15-514, expires on March 21, 2017. Clearview Energy's application included a residential and small commercial contract, a certificate 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), and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil), evidence that it is able to obtain supply in the New England energy market, and a rider increasing the amount, to \$350,000, of its currently effective surety bond, which names the Commission as the obligee. On January 30, 2017, Clearview Energy filed a rider which extends the term of its surety bond to March 21, 2018 and a request for a waiver of Puc 2003.03(a)(5), which requires the financial security filed with a CEPS renewal application have a term of five years and 90 days.

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and, if the Commission were to grant approval of the waiver request, believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.01. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the request for a waiver of Puc 2003.03(a)(5) and, because the surety bond does not meet the five-year and 90-day term requirement and because it expires on March 21, 2018, that the Commission approve a registration period concurrent with the extended surety bond, beginning on the expiration date of the currently active registration, March 21, 2017, and ending at the close of business on March 20, 2018. Staff also recommends that the Commission notify Clearview Energy that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2017 and that Clearview Energy should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket DRM 16-853 and plan accordingly with respect to future operations in New Hampshire.

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

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