

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**Inter-Department Communication**

DATE: May 25, 2018
AT (OFFICE): NHPUC


FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III

SUBJECT: DM 17-181, CS Berlin Ops, Inc.
Application for Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

CS Berlin Ops, Inc. has applied to register as a competitive electric power supplier. CS Berlin's submitted certificates demonstrating that it has completed EDI testing with Eversource and Unitil, a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000, and a second request for a waiver of the filing deadline and a 60-day extension to provide information required to complete its application. Staff proposes that two more days be added to that extension. Staff recommends approval of the application, the waiver request and second 60-day extension, and Staff's request to add two more days to that extension, so that CS Berlin has a registration period ending on the termination date of the surety bond.

Background and Analysis

On November 22, 2017, CS Berlin Ops, Inc. (CS Berlin) filed an application to register as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). On December 13, 2017, CS Berlin filed a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000, which names the Commission as obligee, and a rider to that bond that adds operative language for drawing upon the bond and extends the claims period by six months. On January 26, 2018, CS Berlin requested a waiver of Puc 2003.01(c) and a 60-day extension to provide information required to complete its application, for which the Commission granted approval of both requests on February 8, 2018. On March 23, 2018, CS Berlin filed evidence that it is able to obtain energy supply in New England and a second request for a waiver of Puc 2003.01(c) and a 60-day extension to provide required information. CS Berlin filed, on May 7, 2018, a certificate demonstrating that it has completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil), on May 22, 2018, a rider that extends the expiration date of its surety bond to May 22, 2019, and on May 24, 2018, a certificate demonstrating that it has completed EDI testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource).

Staff has reviewed the information in the application. Staff believes that, if granted approval of CS Berlin's second request for a waiver of the filing deadline and 60-

day extension, and Staff's request to add an additional two days to that extension, the application meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and Puc 2006.01. Staff recommends approval of the waiver request and the extensions, and a registration period beginning on the date of the Commission's approval letter and ending concurrently with the expiration of the surety bond, at the close of business on May 22, 2019.

CS Berlin filed documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Eversource and Unitil. Staff therefore recommends approval of CS Berlin's application to register as a CEPS, pursuant to Puc 2003.01(d)(1), with CS Berlin permitted to operate in the service areas of Eversource and Unitil.

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