

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

**DATE:** March 16, 2021  
**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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**SUBJECT:** DM 21-009, Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC  
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier  
**Staff Recommendation**

**TO:** Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC (Calpine) has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). Calpine's current registration expires on March 31, 2021. Calpine submitted certificates demonstrating it has completed electronic data interchange (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), and a surety bond with a one-year term. Staff recommends that Calpine's registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for service in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil for a renewal registration term of three years.

Background and Analysis

On January 20, 2021, Calpine filed an application to renew its registration as a CEPS. Calpine's currently-active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket No. DM 16-063, expires on March 31, 2021. Calpine's application included certificates demonstrating that it has completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil. On February 5, 2021, Calpine filed a revised surety bond in the amount of \$500,000, which names the Commission as obligee. The surety bond has an effective date of January 29, 2021 and may not be terminated prior to January 29, 2022.

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and Puc 2006.01. Staff therefore recommends that Calpine's registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for a registration period of three years, beginning on the expiration date of the currently active registration, March 31, 2021, and ending at the close of business on March 31, 2024, with Calpine permitted to serve large commercial and industrial customers and operate in the service areas of Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil.

Staff further recommends that Calpine be informed that, pursuant to Puc 2003.03(e), if a CEPS's financial security instrument will not be renewed or extended

beyond its expiration date, it must (1) provide written notice to the Commission of such non-renewal or non-extension no less than 60 days prior to the expiration date, and (2) file with the Executive Director a replacement financial security instrument meeting the requirements of the rules no less than 30 days prior to the expiration date, and that, under Puc 2003.03(f), a CEPS that fails to comply with the requirement to file a replacement financial security instrument is subject to fines, suspension, or revocation pursuant to Puc 2005.

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