


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

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SUBJECT: DM 21-032, Clearview Electric Inc. d/b/a Clearview Energy
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier
Staff Recommendation

TO: Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

Clearview Electric Inc. d/b/a Clearview Energy has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. Clearview's current registration runs through March 21, 2021. Clearview submitted certificates demonstrating it has completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil, and a continuation of its surety bond with a new three-year term. Staff recommends a waiver to Puc 2003.02(a), which requires submission of a renewal registration application not less than 60 days prior to expiration of the current registration. Staff recommends that Clearview'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. Consistent with the settlement approved in Order No. 25,994 (February 28, 2017), Clearview's renewed registration should be approved only for service to its existing customers, unless and until the Commission expressly grants it authority to market to, solicit, and enroll new customers.

Background and Analysis

On March 4, 2021, Clearview Electric Inc. d/b/a Clearview Energy (Clearview) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). Clearview's currently-active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket No. DM 18-004, runs through March 21, 2021. Clearview's application included certificates demonstrating that 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 (Liberty), and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil). Clearview filed a continuation certificate for its surety bond in the amount of \$500,000, which names the Commission as obligee, now to be in effect until March 21, 2024.

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 Clearview's registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for a registration period of three years, beginning on March 21, 2021 and ending at the close of business on March 21, 2024.

Clearview's CEPS registration should remain subject to the conditions and limitations of the settlement agreement approved in Order No. 25,994 (February 28, 2017), in which Clearview

agreed to suspend all marketing and sales activities in New Hampshire for a period of at least two years, while it would be permitted to continue serving its existing retail electricity customers in the State without modification or extension of their existing contracts or enrollments. Clearview may seek Commission permission to resume marketing and sales activities in New Hampshire by submitting to Staff and the Office of the Consumer Advocate a detailed written proposal to resume marketing and sales activities, and shall at a minimum include, without limitation, detailed and specific plans and timing for the proposed resumption of marketing and sales activities, a description of Clearview's complaint history in other states and jurisdictions during and since the end of the most recent calendar year, and a summary of the status of any regulatory proceedings in other states and jurisdictions that are currently pending or were concluded during the preceding 36 months.

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