

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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FROM: Robert J. Wyatt, Utility Analyst IV *RJW*
SUBJECT: DM 10-036, Glacial Natural Gas, Inc.
Application as a Competitive Natural Gas Supplier
TO: Commissioners
Executive Director
Docket File



On February 19, 2010, Glacial Natural Gas, Inc. filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application to register as a competitive natural gas supplier. In its review Staff has determined that the application was incomplete, thus the 60 day review window for this application has not yet started. Glacial did not provide documentation sufficient to demonstrate that it was an approved shipper on the upstream pipeline used to deliver natural gas to New Hampshire city gates as required under Puc 3003.01(b)(2)v. Staff also asked Glacial to provide additional security in the form of a surety bond, payable to the Commission in the event of default during the term of the registration. This security is similar to what every approved CNGS applicant doing business in New Hampshire has provided.

On March 31, 2010 Glacial provided documentation that it had received approval from Tennessee Gas Pipeline to be a shipper on its upstream pipeline in satisfaction of Puc 3003.01(b)(2)v. This approval will enable Northern and EnergyNorth to assign Tennessee capacity to Glacial if and when Glacial secures customer agreements on either system.

On April 1, 2010 Glacial informed Staff that it was currently in the process of securing a new finance package for its natural gas line of business with a creditor. It expects this process to take three to four weeks to complete. Upon completion of that finance arrangement, Glacial will take out a surety bond to provide to the Commission as part of this docket.

Upon receipt of the surety bond, Staff will consider the application to be complete and recommend approval of the CNGS registration.