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Re: DM 10-036, Glacial Natural Gas, Inc.
Application as a Registered Competitive Natural Gas Supplier

Dear Mr. Gusman:

On February 19, 2010, Glacial Natural Gas, Inc. filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for registration as a competitive natural gas supplier (CNGS), together with a check in the amount of \$500.00. The applicant will operate in the state of New Hampshire as Glacial Energy. On April 1, 2010, Glacial Energy filed additional information related to Puc 3003.01(b)(2)v which requires the applicant to provide documentation that it is an approved shipper on upstream pipelines. On September 3, 2010, 2010, Glacial Energy filed additional surety in the form of a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000, payable to the Commission. The surety bond requires Glacial Natural Gas, Inc. to provide the Commission with at minimum, a sixty days written notice before the bond can be terminated.

With its application, Glacial Natural Gas, Inc. filed a motion for protective order and confidential treatment regarding certain financial materials provided in the application, specifically the consolidated financial statements of its parent company. Glacial Energy explained that it is a privately-held company and considers its financial statements to be confidential information. In the motion, Glacial Energy seeks a protective order regarding the financial information.

Under RSA 91-A:5, IV, confidential, commercial or financial information is not subject to disclosure. Generally, the Commission undertakes a three-part analysis to determine whether the information for which protective treatment is sought is entitled to the protections of RSA 91-A:5, IV. *See, e.g., Unitil Corp.*, Order No. 25, 014 (Sept. 22, 2009). Having reviewed the information at issue here under that analysis, the Commission has determined that protective treatment is appropriate and hereby grants the motion for protective order and

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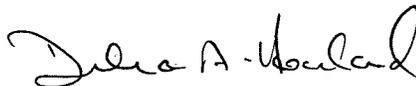
confidential treatment. Furthermore, it is noted that a primary purpose of the Commission's 3000 rules is to provide a level of financial protection to commercial and industrial gas consumers who choose to purchase gas supply from competitive natural gas suppliers. To that end, the rules require that applicants provide a demonstration of financial resources. See Puc 3003.01(b)(2)m. As Glacial Natural Gas, Inc. has provided a surety bond to the Commission, any disclosure of its financial information is rendered less necessary than it otherwise might have been. As such, the Commission is further persuaded that confidential treatment is appropriate.

The Commission finds that the application meets the requirements for registration pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.01. The Commission will approve the registration of Glacial Natural Gas, Inc. as a CNGS in the State of New Hampshire, with the registration to be effective on September 10, 2010. As a condition of the approval, Glacial Natural Gas, Inc. shall keep its surety bond effective throughout the term of this registration.

Additionally, pursuant to Puc 3003.01 (d), each CNGS applicant shall re-register with the Commission every 2 years by filing with the Commission an application for renewal. Each CNGS applicant shall file an application for renewal at least 60 days prior to the expiration of its current registration. In the case of Glacial Natural Gas, Inc., its approved registration will expire on September 10, 2012, and a renewal application is therefore due on or before February 15, 2012. Instructions on how to properly file a renewal registration application are located on the Commission website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Gas-Steam/CNGS-Aggregator%20application%20instructions.pdf>.

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3000 – Competitive Natural Gas Marketer Rules, can be found on our website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC3000.pdf>. If you have any questions regarding these provisions, please contact the Commission. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Robert Wyatt, Utility Analyst IV, NHPUC