

DM 11-067



March 29, 2011

Debra Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429



Re: Amendment to the Initial Registration of Competitive Electric Power Suppliers – Part Puc 2003.01 and Request for Waiver of Puc 2003.03 (a)(5)(a)

Dear Ms. Howland:

In support of Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC's ("Noble Solutions") Initial Registration request pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Part Puc 2003.01 and Part 2006.01, Noble Solutions is submitting herewith an amendment to Attachment 7 to the above mentioned application based upon discussions with staff representatives of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission").

As part of this amendment, Noble Solutions is requesting that the Commission, under its authority in Puc 201.05, grant Noble Solutions a waiver of Puc 2003.03 (a)(5)(a).

The guarantee that Noble Solutions is offering the Commission is a non-terminating Parental Corporate Guarantee ("Guarantee") from an investment-grade rated counterparty that can only be terminated by the guarantor with written notice or once all the obligations have terminated. Per Section 4 of the proposed Guarantee: "...this Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect and be binding upon the Guarantor until all of the obligation have been satisfied in full." Therefore any obligations that Noble Solutions incurs during the active lifecycle of the Guarantee are *covered until all obligations have been fulfilled*. This, Noble Solutions asserts, is superior to having a minimum effective date of 5-years and 150 days per Puc 2003.03 (a)(5)(a) and satisfies the intent of the rule by alternative method per Puc 201.05 (b)(2).

In addition, the proposed Guarantee has been amended such that the Guarantee cannot be terminated with less than 30-days written notice. In discussions with staff representatives of the Commission ("Staff"), the written notice time period will give Staff enough time to review such notice and take action(s) as deemed necessary.

Amended evidence of financial security: Please see Attachment 7 – Amended.

By submitting this amendment to Noble Solutions' CEPS application for registration ("Application"), I certify that I have the authority to file the amended Application on behalf of Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC and that all contents are truthful, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" written in a smaller, more compact script and the last name "Bass" written in a larger, more prominent cursive style.

Greg Bass
Director
Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC

Attachment

ATTACHMENT 7 - AMENDED
NOBLE AMERICAS ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC

Proposed Evidence of Financial Security.

GUARANTEE

GUARANTEE, dated as of March 16, 2011, of Noble Group Limited, whose registered office is located at Clarendon House, Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda (the "Guarantor"), in favour of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Beneficiary").

1. Guarantee

In consideration of Beneficiary entering into a trading relationship with Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC ("Guaranteed Party"), Guarantor guarantees to Beneficiary, its successors and assigns, the prompt payment as and when due of all liabilities of Guaranteed Party to Beneficiary (the "Obligations"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the liability of the Guarantor under this Guarantee is limited to, and shall in no event or under no circumstances exceed, \$350,000.00 (inclusive of all interest, charges whatsoever thereon) ("Maximum Liability") and, subject to termination under the provisions of clause 12, shall expire either on the Effective Termination Date or upon termination of the Agreements, whichever is earlier. Expiry of this Guarantee shall not reduce or diminish the liability of the Guarantor to Beneficiary in respect of any Obligation incurred before the Effective Termination Date.

2. Validity

Guarantor's obligations hereunder shall be subject to the genuineness, validity, regularity, or enforceability of the Obligations or of any instrument evidencing the Obligations. Guarantor's obligations under this Guarantee constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

3. Consents, Waivers, and Renewals

Guarantor agrees that Beneficiary may at any time and from time to time, either before or after the maturity thereof, without notice to or further consent of Guarantor, extend the time of payment of any of the Obligations, and may also make any agreement with Guaranteed Party on any of the Obligations, for the extension, renewal, payment, compromise, discharge, or release thereof, in whole or in part, or for any modification of the terms thereof or of any agreement between Beneficiary and Guaranteed Party, without in any way impairing or affecting this Guarantee. Beneficiary shall resort to Guarantor for payment of any or all of the Obligations under this Guarantee, only after Beneficiary shall have resorted to any collateral provided as security or only after having proceeded, using all reasonable endeavours, against any other obligor principally or secondarily obligated with respect to any of the Obligations.

4. Continuing Guarantee

Subject to clause 2, this Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect and be binding upon Guarantor until all of the Obligations have been satisfied in full.

5. No Waiver; Cumulative Rights

No failure on the part of Beneficiary to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, remedy, or power hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise by Beneficiary of any right, remedy, or power hereunder preclude any other or future exercise of any right, remedy, or power.

6. Representations and Warranties

The Guarantor represents and warrants that:

- (a) it is duly organised, validly existing, and in good standing under the law of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and has full corporate power and authority to execute, and perform this Guarantee;
- (b) the execution, delivery, and performance of this Guarantee have been and remains duly authorised and does not contravene any provision of Guarantor's certificate of incorporation or by-laws, as amended to date;
- (c) there is not pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it or any of its affiliates any action, suit, proceeding at law or in equity or before any court, tribunal, government body, agency, or official or any arbitrator that is likely to affect the legality, validity, or enforceability against it of this Guarantee or its ability to perform its obligations under this Guarantee; and
- (d) at all times during the term of this Guarantee, Guarantor will continuously include and maintain as part of its official written books and records this Guarantee, all other exhibits, supplements, and attachments hereto and documents incorporated by reference herein, and evidence of all necessary authorisations.

7. Assignment

Neither Guarantor nor Beneficiary may assign its rights or delegate its obligations under this Guarantee, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other party hereto, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

8. Governing Law

This Guarantee shall be governed by and construed in accordance with laws of the State of New York.

9. Jurisdiction

With respect to any claim, suit, action, or proceedings relating to this Guarantee, both parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York.

10. Partial Invalidity

In the event that any provision of this Guarantee is declared to be illegal, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction or regulatory authority, the remainder of this Guarantee shall not be affected except to the extent necessary to delete such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision unless the deletion of such provision would substantially impair the respective benefits of the remaining portions of this Guarantee.

11. Notices

Any communication, demand or notice to be given hereunder will be duly given when delivered in writing or sent by tested facsimile to Guarantor or Beneficiary as applicable, at their addresses indicated below.

A communication, demand or notice given pursuant to this clause 11 shall be addressed:

If to the Guarantor, at:

Address: Noble Group Ltd.
18/F., MassMutual Tower
38 Gloucester Road
Hong Kong
Attention: Group Treasurer / Asst. General Counsel
Telephone: (852) 2861 4506 / (852) 2861 4598
Facsimile: (852) 2865 2118 / (852) 2529 6129

If to Beneficiary, at:

Address: 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH 03301
Attention: Debra Howland, Executive Director
Facsimile:

12. Termination

Guarantor shall be permitted to terminate this Guarantee by written notice (by facsimile followed by a confirmation letter sent by registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt) to Beneficiary. Such written notice shall state the date it is being sent and shall be effective ~~40~~30 days after such date (the "Effective Termination Date"). Termination shall not reduce or diminish the liability of the Guarantor to Beneficiary in respect of any Obligation incurred before the Effective Termination Date.

13. Superseding

This Guarantee supersedes and overrides the guarantee dated March 16, 2011 between the Guarantor and Beneficiary which shall on execution of this Guarantee become null and void *abinitio*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Guarantee has been duly executed as a deed the day and year first above written.

Noble Group Limited

Director

Director/Secretary