STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: December 15, 2011 **AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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SUBJECT:

DM 11-251 Staff Recommendation

Atlantic Group Energy, Inc.

d/b/a Atlantic Group Energy of Massachusetts

Natural Gas Aggregator Renewal Registration Application

TO:

Debra Howland

Executive Director

Staff has completed its review of the natural gas aggregator renewal registration application for Atlantic Group Energy, Inc. d/b/a Atlantic Group Energy of Massachusetts (Atlantic Group Energy). The registration application was received on November 18, 2011. In its renewal registration cover letter, Atlantic Group Energy requested a waiver of rule Puc 3003.5(a) requiring renewal applications be filed at least 60 days prior to the expiration of an existing registration.

Staff does note that although the renewal registration application was received eight days after the renewal notice deadline, the current registration is still valid, with an expiration date of January 9, 2012. The applicant explained that due to administrative changes within Atlantic Group Energy, the filing of this renewal registration was inadvertently delayed.

The renewal application is otherwise complete and Staff recommends approval of the Atlantic Group Energy waiver request along with its renewal registration application. The term of the renewal should have an effective start date of January 10, 2012 and continue for a full 5 year renewal period, through January 9, 2017. The effective date coincides with the January 9, 2012 expiration date of the current registration.

Should you have any questions regarding this registration application, please do not hesitate to contact me.