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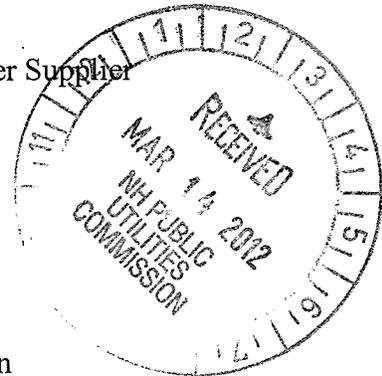
Inter-Department Communication

DATE: March 14, 2012
AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

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SUBJECT: DM 12-005 Application of Hess Corporation
to Renew its Registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier
(CEPS); Staff's Recommendation for Approval

TO: Debra A. Howland
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On January 9, 2012, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Hess Corporation to renew its registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS). On February 13, 2012, Staff sent a deficiency letter regarding Puc 2003.02(a) and Puc 2003.03 (a)(5). On February 14, 2012, Hess Corporation filed a waiver request pertaining to Puc 2003.02(a) which requires the application for renewal be filed no less than 60 days prior to the expiration of the currently effective registration. Hess Corporation's renewal was due on February 14, 2012. Hess Corporation cited that the delay was due to their confusion about the rules for the renewal application. The company also provided a financial surety which meets the requirement of Puc 2003.03 (a)(5).

Considering the record of timely renewals since Hess Corporation's initial registration in 2006, and the time difference between application due date and actual application date is considerably short, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the waiver of Puc 2003.02(a) for this renewal only.

Staff has reviewed Hess' application and believes that it meets the requirements of Puc 2003.01. It is Staff's recommendation that Hess's application to renew its registration as a CEPS in New Hampshire be approved. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.