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Mr. Gordon L. Pozza Director of Regulatory Affairs Metromedia Energy, Inc. 6 Industrial Way West Eatontown, NJ 07724

Re: DM 12-052, Metromedia Energy, Inc.

Renewal Application as a CNGS

Dear Mr. Pozza:

On February 24, 2012, Metromedia Energy, Inc. (Metromedia) filed with the Commission an application for renewal of its registration as a competitive natural gas supplier (CNGS), together with the renewal application fee of \$250.00. After an initial review of the application by Commission Staff, certain deficiencies in the registration application were brought to the attention of Metromedia. Specifically, Commission Staff informed Metromedia that, on the basis of data from Metromedia's most recently filed annual calendar year sales report, and pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.03, it would be required to file an updated surety bond for the maximum amount of \$350,000. Metromedia assented to Commission Staff's request, and, as of May 1, 2012, indicated to Commission Staff that it would file a surety bond in the amount of \$350,000 with the Commission.

Commission Staff, as part of its review, also identified a number of natural gas aggregators served by Metromedia in New Hampshire that had failed to register as aggregators with the Commission. In light of the need to foster compliance with the registration requirements for natural gas aggregators in this State, Staff, in its recommendation relating to Metromedia's application filed on June 13, 2012, recommended that Metromedia be required to submit, within 6 months of the issuance of the Commission's approval letter, a written representation that all aggregators that it serves in New Hampshire are registered with the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended that, if this filing were not provided, Metromedia's registration would be suspended, pending registration filings being made with the Commission by the unregistered New Hampshire aggregators served by Metromedia, or, in the alternative, pending a written statement by Metromedia that it had severed its business ties with such unregistered aggregators in New Hampshire. Also, in light of Metromedia not having

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filed the promised surety bond in the amount of \$350,000, Commission Staff also recommended that filing of the updated bond within 30 days of the issuance of the Commission's approval of Metromedia's renewal application be a condition of such approval.

Subject to these conditions, following its review of the filing, Commission Staff has determined that the renewal application for registration as a CNGS meets the requirements for registration pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.02. Therefore, the Commission will approve the registration with an effective date of April 7, 2012, which coincides with the expiration of the existing registration for Metromedia, subject to the conditions relating to unregistered natural gas aggregators served by Metromedia in New Hampshire, and Metromedia's updated surety bond, recommended by Commission Staff and outlined above. (Thus, Metromedia's certification relating to unregistered aggregators would be due no later than December 28, 2012, and its updated surety bond in the amount of \$350,000 would be due no later than July 30, 2012). The renewal registration will expire at the end of business on April 7, 2017.

Additionally, please bear in mind that, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.02(a), each CNGS shall re-register with the Commission by filing an application for renewal at least 60 days prior to the expiration of its registration, i.e., in the case of Metromedia, on or before February 7, 2017. Please file a timely renewal application. Registration instructions and a checklist of requirements to properly file a renewal registration application are located on the Commission website at <a href="http://www.puc.nh.gov/Gas-Steam/CNGS-">http://www.puc.nh.gov/Gas-Steam/CNGS-</a>

Aggregator%20registration%20application%20instructions%20and%20checklist.pdf.

All registered CNGS entities in the State of New Hampshire are subject to specific requirements spelled out in N.H. Code Admin. N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3000 – Competitive Natural Gas Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These Rules can be found on our website at (<a href="http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC3000.pdf">http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC3000.pdf</a>). If you have any questions regarding these provisions, please contact the Commission. Thank you for you cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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