

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: April 26, 2013

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM: Robert J. Wyatt 
Assistant Director – Safety Division

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation
DM 12-360 Shapiro Enterprises, Inc.
Natural Gas Aggregator Registration Application

TO: Debra Howland
Executive Director

Staff has completed its review of the natural gas aggregator registration application for Shapiro Enterprises, Inc. The registration application was filed on December 20, 2012. Staff determined the application was incomplete and filed a deficiency letter on December 28, 2012. The review process has been on hold until the applicant addressed the deficiencies that were identified in its original application. On April 12, 2013, the applicant filed a letter and attachments that fully addressed the identified deficiencies in its registration application. The registration application is now complete and in compliance with the requirements of Administrative Rule Puc 3003.04, Registration for Natural Gas Aggregators.

Staff recommends approval of the application for Shapiro Enterprises, Inc. as a natural gas aggregator in the State of New Hampshire. The effective date should be set to coincide with date of the approval letter. This is an initial natural gas aggregator registration and as such carries a term of two years from the approval date.

Staff does note that Shapiro Enterprises, Inc. had conducted some gas aggregator activities in New Hampshire prior to applying for its natural gas aggregator registration. Shapiro Enterprises, Inc. was notified by a registered NH supplier it was doing business with that the supplier's recent renewal registration was conditionally approved because the CNGS disclosed existing NH business arrangements with gas aggregator entities that were not in compliance with Puc 3003.04 registration requirements. As a result, Shapiro Enterprises, Inc. has filed this application to become a registered gas aggregator in NH. Staff is working with the registered NH suppliers to get broker/aggregator entities such as this registered and in compliance with Commission rules. Staff is not aware of any consumer complaints related to Shapiro Enterprises, Inc. Nonetheless, it may be appropriate to remind Shapiro Enterprises, Inc. of its responsibility to fully comply with the requirements of Puc 3000 related to natural gas aggregators going forward. Should you have any questions regarding this registration application, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Wyatt of the Safety Division.

Cc: Service List (electronically)