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May 16, 2013

Mr. G. Douglas Pope
President
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Re: DM 13-069 Pope Energy
Renewal Registration to Provide Natural Gas Aggregation Services

Dear Mr. Pope:

On March 5, 2013, Pope Energy filed with the Commission an application for renewal of its registration as a natural gas aggregator, together with the renewal application fee of \$125.00. On April 5, 2013, Pope Energy filed a request, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 201.05, for waiver of the renewal deadline for natural gas aggregators established by N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.05(a), which requires aggregators to file renewal applications at least 60 days in advance of the original registration's expiration. This application was updated by Pope Energy by a filing made on April 10, 2013, in response to a Staff deficiency e-mail dated April 4, 2013.

Commission Staff notes that Pope Energy's original registration as an aggregator expired on April 1, 2013, only 27 days after Pope Energy filed its renewal application with the Commission. Despite this oversight, Commission Staff has determined that the renewal application for registration as a natural gas aggregator, as updated, meets the requirements for registration pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.05. On April 24, 2013, Staff filed its recommendation to approve the application, with the expectation that Pope Energy will remain cognizant of Commission requirements for registration renewal going forward. The Commission will approve the registration with an effective date of April 1, 2013, which coincides with the expiration of the existing registration for Pope Energy. The Commission has accepted late-filed renewal applications in the past, on its administrative discretion, but does also grant Pope Energy's waiver request. The renewal registration will expire at the end of business on March 31, 2018.

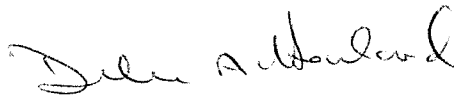
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Additionally, please bear in mind that, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.05 (a), each aggregator shall re-register with the Commission by filing an application for renewal at least 60 days prior to the expiration of its registration, i.e., in the case of Pope Energy, on or before January 31, 2018. 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 <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Gas-Steam/CNGS-Aggregator%20registration%20application%20instructions%20and%20checklist.pdf>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland", is positioned above the printed name.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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