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Peter Duprey
Senior Director of Retail Energy Services
Gulf Oil Limited Partnership
100 Crossing Boulevard
Framingham, MA 01702

Re: DM 13-075, Application of Gulf Oil Limited Partnership for Registration as a
Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS)

Dear Mr. Duprey:

On March 8, 2013, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Gulf Oil Limited Partnership (Gulf Oil) for its registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS). On April 5, 2013, Gulf Oil provided the financial surety pursuant to Puc 2003.03(a). On May 3, 2013, the company filed a supplement to the financial surety. On May 7, 2013, Gulf Oil submitted a revised application with an updated Standard Service Agreement.

Staff has reviewed the application and supplemental information and recommends that Gulf Oil's application for registration as a CEPS be approved effective May 21, 2013. Staff noted, however, that inasmuch as Gulf Oil only submitted a statement from PSNH indicating that Gulf Oil had complied with the training and testing requirements for electronic data interchange, Gulf Oil's registration be approved only for PSNH's service territory. Staff also stated that Gulf Oil can request extension of its service to the service territories of other utilities by updating its application with documentation demonstrating successful completion of the testing. Upon receipt of such submittal, Staff will review the information and make a recommendation to the Commission. It was recommended that Gulf Oil consolidate the submittal of such updates to result in a more efficient review process.

Based on Staff's recommendation and the Commission's review, the Commission will approve Gulf Oil's application to be registered as a competitive electric power supplier in the franchise area of the electric distribution company with which Gulf Oil has completed EDI testing; namely, PSNH (customer classes R, R-OTOD, EAP, G, G-OTOD, LCS, GV, LG, B, SR, OL, EOL, VIP, SKI).

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Please bear in mind the following provision of Puc 2003.02 (a) "Each registered CEPS shall re-register with the commission every 5 years by filing with the commission an application for renewal. Each application for renewal shall be filed no less than 60 days prior to the termination of the currently effective registration. If a CEPS fails to meet its re-filing obligation, its registration shall expire by its terms." Therefore, Gulf Oil is required to re-register on or before March 21, 2018. You are also advised that CEPS and aggregators must comply with the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) requirements of RSA 362-F. The RPS obligation applies to every "provider of electricity" as defined in RSA 374-F:2, II which includes CEPS and aggregators. See RSA 362-F:2,XIV. Please also refer to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2500 for further details regarding compliance and reporting requirements. Compliance is on a calendar year basis and must be reported to the Commission by July 1 of the subsequent calendar year. In addition, pursuant to RSA 378:49, all CEPS, electric service brokers and aggregators must comply with the requirement to disclose environmental characteristics of the electricity they sell to retail customers. Commission Order No. 25,264 provides guidance as to the appropriate format for such disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this provision, please contact the Commission. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland" followed by a stylized flourish.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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