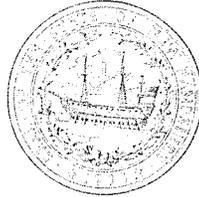


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September 30, 2013

Martine Trinka, Counsel
FairPoint Energy, LLC
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Re: DM 13-228, FairPoint Energy, LLC
Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Ms. Trinka:

On July 30, 2013, FairPoint Energy, LLC (FairPoint Energy) f/k/a Viridian Energy MD, LLC (Viridian) filed an application with the Commission to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). The application was completed on September 27, 2013, when the company filed an amendment to its surety bond. FairPoint Energy requested a waiver of N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 2003.05(a)(5), which requires, for renewal applications, that the financial assurance instrument be for a term of 5 years and 90 days. FairPoint Energy explained that it was unable to obtain an instrument of this duration due to market conditions.

Commission Staff reviewed the information and determined that, if the waiver were granted, the application complies with the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.02. Staff recommended that the Commission grant the waiver request and approve the registration for a term of 1 year, beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014. Staff also recommended that FairPoint Energy be informed the financial security rules are likely to change before September 2014 and that it should monitor the rulemaking process and plan accordingly.

The Commission may waive a rule pursuant to Puc 201 .05 if it finds the waiver serves the public interest and the waiver does not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. The Commission has determined that the applicable standards for a waiver are satisfied and that granting a waiver, subject to the conditions suggested by Staff, is consistent with the public good.

Accordingly, FairPoint Energy's registration in the service areas of PSNH and Unitil Energy Services is for a term of 1 year and expires at the end of business on September 30, 2014. Pursuant to Puc 2003.02(a), FairPoint Energy must submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the registration approved here, on or before August 1, 2014.

Please be aware registered CEPSs are subject to specific requirements contained in Puc 2000 – Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These rules are available at: <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC2000.pdf>. Finally, as noted above, the financial security rules set out in Puc 2003.05(a)(5) are likely to change before September 2014. Please monitor the Commission's website for notice of this rulemaking process and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland /ael".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Secretary

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