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September 2, 2014

Martine Trinkka, Counsel
FairPoint Energy, LLC
1055 Washington Blvd., Floor 7
Stamford, CT 06901

Re: DM 14-204, FairPoint Energy, LLC
Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Ms. Trinkka:

On July 30, 2014, FairPoint Energy, LLC (FairPoint Energy) submitted an application to the Commission to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). The application included a surety bond with a one-year term that expires July 26, 2015. Under a separate filing, FairPoint Energy requested a waiver of Puc 2003.03(a)(5), which requires that the financial security filed with a CEPS renewal application have a term of five years and 90 days. The application also included a certificate demonstrating FairPoint Energy had completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) and Unitil Energy Services (UES).

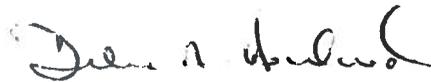
Commission Staff filed a memorandum on August 28, 2014, and noted that, if the rule waiver is granted, the application complies with the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.02. Staff recommended that the Commission grant the waiver request and approve the registration for a term that begins September 30, 2014 and ends concurrently with the expiration date of the surety bond, July 26, 2015. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize FairPoint Energy to operate only in the franchise areas of PSNH and UES. Finally, Staff recommended that FairPoint Energy be informed that the financial security rules are likely to change by early next year and that it should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly.

The Commission has reviewed FairPoint Energy's renewal application and Staff's recommendation and has granted the requested rule waiver and approved the application as recommended. Accordingly, FairPoint Energy's application to renew its registration as a CEPS, authorized to operate only in the franchise areas of PSNH and UES, is granted for a term beginning on September 30, 2014 and ending on July 26, 2015. Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.02(a), FairPoint Energy must submit its next renewal

application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before May 27, 2015.

Please be aware that 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 forth in Puc 2003.05(a)(5) are likely to change. Please monitor the Commission’s website for notice of this rulemaking process and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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