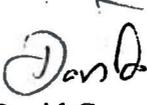


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Inter-Department Communication

DATE: March 8, 2016
AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

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SUBJECT: DM 16-063, Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

Noble Americas has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. Noble Americas' current registration expires on March 31, 2016. Noble Americas submitted certificates demonstrating it completed EDI testing with Eversource Energy, Liberty Utilities, and Unitil Energy Systems, and a copy of the currently effective parental guarantee in the amount of \$400,000. Noble Americas stated it intends to serve commercial, industrial, and governmental customers only. Staff recommends the Commission approve the application for a five-year registration term.

Background and Analysis

On January 14, 2016, Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC (Noble Americas) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). Noble Americas' currently active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket No. DM 11-067, expires on March 31, 2016. Noble Americas' application included documentation that demonstrates it has completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) and Unitil Energy Services, Inc. (UES), a copy of its currently effective parental guarantee in the amount of \$400,000 that names the Commission as beneficiary, and evidence that it is able to obtain supply in the New England energy market. Noble Americas stated that it intends to serve commercial, industrial, and governmental customers only.

On January 15, 2016, Noble Americas filed documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource). On February 12, 2016, Noble Americas filed a revised sample bill form.

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.01. Staff recommends that the Commission approve a renewal for a five-year registration term, beginning on the expiration date of the

currently active registration, March 31, 2016, and ending at the end of business on March 30, 2021. Staff also recommends that the Commission notify Noble Americas that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2016 and that Noble Americas should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly with respect to future operations in New Hampshire.

Noble Americas filed documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, and UES. Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission approve Noble Americas' application to register as a CEPS, and that it permit Noble Americas to serve commercial, industrial, and governmental customers and operate only in the service areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES. If Noble Americas seeks to operate in the service areas of other distribution utilities, it can do so by filing a request with the Commission to extend its service area, and by providing proof that it has completed EDI testing with each distribution utility in whose franchise area it requests authority to operate. Staff will then review the request and make a recommendation to the Commission.

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