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Greg Bass, Director
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Re: DM 16-063, Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC
Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Mr. Bass:

On January 14, 2016, Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC (Noble Americas) submitted an application to the Commission to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). The application included documentation that demonstrated it had 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. On January 15, 2016, Noble Americas filed documentation that demonstrated it had 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.

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on March 8, 2016, and noted that the application complies with the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.01. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize Noble Americas to operate in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES. Finally, Staff recommended that Noble Americas be informed that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2016 and that it should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly.

The Commission has reviewed Noble Americas' renewal application and Staff's recommendation, and has approved the application as recommended. Accordingly, Noble Americas' application to renew its registration as a CEPS, authorized to operate in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES, is granted for a five-year term beginning on March 31, 2016 and ending on March 31, 2021. Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.02(a), Noble Americas must submit its next renewal application

at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before January 30, 2021.

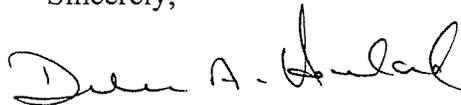
Please be aware that registered CEPSs are subject to specific requirements contained in Puc 2000 – Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These rules are available at: <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC2000.pdf>.

Each CEPS also must input into a shopping comparison website maintained by the Commission, information regarding its standard pricing policies, charges, and key terms for residential and small commercial customers. This information must be updated whenever it changes, but no less frequently than once per month. These requirements are intended to comply with RSA 374-F:4-b, II. Following its initial registration, each CEPS will be sent by electronic mail a link to the website through which it must input the required information.

In addition, CEPS 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 362-F:2, XIV, which includes registered CEPS. Please also refer to the Puc 2500 rules for further details regarding RPS compliance and reporting requirements. RPS compliance is on a calendar year basis and must be reported to the Commission by July 1 of the subsequent calendar year. Pursuant to RSA 378:49, all CEPS also must comply with the requirement to disclose environmental characteristics of the electricity they sell to retail customers. Commission Order No. 25,264, in Docket No. DE 10-226, provides guidance as to the appropriate format for such disclosure. Order No. 25,264 can be viewed at: <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Orders/2011orders/25264e.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 in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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