

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## Inter-Department Communication

DATE: June 8, 2016

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**SUBJECT:** DM 16-565 South Jersey Energy Company  
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

**TO:** Commissioners  
Debra Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

South Jersey Energy has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. South Jersey Energy's current registration expires July 14, 2016. South Jersey Energy submitted certificates demonstrating it completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES and a parental guaranty in the amount of \$350,000. South Jersey Energy stated that it intends to serve only commercial and industrial customers. Staff believes the filing is acceptable. Staff recommends the Commission approve the application for a renewal registration period ending on July 14, 2021.

Background and Analysis

On May 13, 2016, South Jersey Energy Company (South Jersey Energy) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). South Jersey Energy's currently active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket No. DM 11-119, expires on July 14, 2016. South Jersey Energy's application included certificates demonstrating that it has completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) and evidence that it is able to obtain supply in the New England energy market. On May 16, 2016, South Jersey Energy filed certificates demonstrating it has completed EDI testing with New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC) and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES). On May 31, 2016, South Jersey Energy filed a parental guaranty in the amount of \$350,000 and names the Commission as the guaranteed party, and a statement that it intends to only serve commercial and industrial customers.

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 registration period with a term that expires July 14, 2021. Staff also recommends that the Commission notify South Jersey Energy that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2016 and that South Jersey Energy should monitor the

rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly with respect to future operations in New Hampshire.

South Jersey Energy filed documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES. Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission approve South Jersey Energy's application to renew its registration as a CEPS, and that it permit South Jersey Energy to serve only commercial and industrial customers and operate in the service areas of Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES.

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