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Stacey Barnes, General Manager
South Jersey Energy Company
1 South Jersey Plaza
Folsom, NJ 08037

Re: DM 16-565, South Jersey Energy Company
Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Ms. Barnes:

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).

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on June 8, 2016 that summarizes the filings made by South Jersey Energy in connection with its application and Staff's analysis of the completed application. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the registration for a term that expires on July 14, 2021. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize South Jersey Energy to operate in the franchise areas of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC), Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), and Unitil Energy Systems (UES). Finally, Staff recommended that South Jersey Energy 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 South Jersey Energy's application and Staff's recommendation, and has approved the application as recommended. Accordingly, South Jersey Energy's application to renew its registration as a CEPS, authorized to operate in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES, is granted for a term beginning on July 14, 2016 and ending on July 14, 2021. Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.02(a), South Jersey Energy must submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before May 15, 2021.

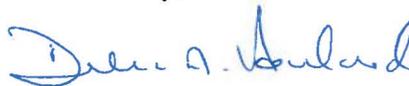
Please be aware that registered CEPS are subject to specific requirements contained in Puc 2000 – Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These rules are available at: <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC2000.pdf>.

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,

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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