

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**Inter-Department Communication****DATE:** January 6, 2017**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC
FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III**SUBJECT:** DM 16-869, Constellation Energy Services, Inc.
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier**TO:** Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive DirectorExecutive Summary

Constellation Energy has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. Constellation Energy's current registration expires on February 22, 2017. Constellation Energy submitted a sample small commercial customer contract, certificates demonstrating it completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, and UES, and evidence of its currently effective guaranty in the amount of \$350,000. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the application, for service in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES, for a renewal registration period ending on February 21, 2022.

Background and Analysis

On December 22, 2016, Constellation Energy Services, Inc. (Constellation Energy) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). Constellation Energy's currently active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket DM 11-284, expires on February 22, 2017. Constellation Energy's application included certificates demonstrating that it has completed EDI testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES), evidence that it is able to obtain supply in the New England energy market, and evidence of its currently effective parental guaranty in the amount of \$350,000 which names the Commission as the guaranteed party. On January 5, 2017, Constellation Energy filed a certificate demonstrating that it has completed EDI testing with Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) and a statement that it will not be serving residential customers at this time.¹ On January 6, 2017, Constellation Energy filed a sample customer bill.

¹ Under its currently effective registration, Constellation Energy is authorized to serve all customer types, including residential. Constellation did not submit a residential customer contract with its renewal application.

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 beginning on the expiration date of the currently active registration, February 22, 2017, and ending at the close of business on February 21, 2022. Staff also recommends that the Commission notify Constellation Energy that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2017 and that Constellation Energy should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket DRM 16-853 and plan accordingly with respect to future operations in New Hampshire.

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

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