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Amy Klaviter, Analyst, Legal Compliance
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Re: DM 16-869, Constellation Energy Services, Inc.
Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Ms. Klaviter:

On December 22, 2016, Constellation Energy Services, Inc. (Constellation Energy) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS).

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on January 6, 2017 that summarizes the filings made by Constellation Energy in connection with its application and Staff's analysis of the completed application. Staff noted that the application complies with the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.01. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the registration for 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. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize Constellation Energy to operate in the franchise areas of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES). Finally, Staff recommended that Constellation Energy be informed that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2017 and that it should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket DRM 16-853 and plan accordingly.

The Commission has reviewed Constellation Energy's application and Staff's recommendation and has approved the application as recommended. Accordingly, Constellation Energy's application to renew its registration as a CEPS, authorized to operate in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES, is granted for a term beginning on February 22, 2017 and ending at the close of business on February 21, 2022. Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.02(a), Constellation Energy must

submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before December 24, 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 DRM 16-853 and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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