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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Debra Howland, Executive Director 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: <u>CleanChoice Energy, Inc. Renewal Application for Competitive Electric Power</u> Supplier License

DM 17-028 – Response to Deficiency Letter of February 17, 2017, Revision, Bond Renewal, and Request for Waiver

Dear Ms. Howland,

CleanChoice Energy, Inc. ("CleanChoice") submitted a renewal application to the Commission for registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS) on February 14, 2017. Included with this letter, as part of that application, is a continuation certificate for a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000 effective from April 15, 2017 through April 15, 2018. The bond was initially submitted to meet CleanChoice's financial assurance requirement per Puc 2003.03. The continuation certificate is submitted to continue to meet the financial assurance requirement in Puc 2003.03 and address Item #1 of the Deficiency Letter. Pursuant to email correspondence with PUC Staff, Item #2 regarding the use of "CleanChoice Energy" as a trade name has been resolved.

CleanChoice respectfully requests that the Commission waive the requirement in Puc 2003.03(5) of a five-year, 150 day term for the bond as was previously granted. Due to current market conditions, CleanChoice is unable to secure a bond with a five year term, but the purpose of the Commission's regulation can be met through annual renewal. CleanChoice will continue to meet the financial assurance requirement in Puc 2003.03 through the renewal of the bond before expiration. If CleanChoice chooses not to renew the bond, they will replace the bond with another form of security deemed appropriate by the PUC in Puc 2003.03.

CleanChoice also writes to revise its response to Question 7 of the Renewal Application to update its point of contact for regulatory inquires to the following:

Jennifer Spinosi Head of Regulatory and Compliance 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street NW, Suite 650 Washington, DC 20007

Phone: (419) 348-2424

Email: regulatory@cleanchoiceenergy.com

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns regarding this submission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kira S. Bryers

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On behalf of CleanChoice Energy, Inc.

CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

To be attached to Bond described below, executed by Platte River Insurance Company as Surety, CleanChoice Energy, Inc., 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Suite 650, Washington, DC 20007 as Principal, and State of New Hampshire Public Utility Commission, as Obligee, on Bond No. 41299330, a Surety Bond.

Said Principal and said Surety hereby agrees that the term thereof be and hereby is extended from the 15th day of April, 2017, to the 15th day of April, 2018; subject to all other provisions, conditions and limitations of said bond, upon the express condition that the Surety's liability thereunder during the original term of said bond and during any extended term thereof shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed the sum of \$100,000.00.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the said Principal and said Surety have signed or caused this Certificate to be duly signed and their respective seals to be hereto affixed this 15th day of March, 2017.

CleanChoice Energy, Inc.

Principal

Platte River Insurance Company

Surety

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PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Nebraska, having its principal offices in the City of Middleton, Wisconsin, does make, constitute and appoint

-LEONARD CALLAHAN; JAMES JONES; STEVEN JOHNSON----

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf, as surety, and as its act and deed, any and all bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship, provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of

------ALL WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCED: \$20,000,000.00---------

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 8th day of January, 2002.

"RESOLVED, that the President, and Vice-President, the Secretary or Treasurer, acting individually or otherwise, be and they hereby are granted the power and authorization to appoint by a Power of Attorney for the purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, one or more vice-presidents, assistant secretaries and attorney(s)-in-fact, each appointee to have the powers and duties usual to such offices to the business of the company; the signature of such officers and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed to such power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking or other writing obligatory in the nature thereof to which it is attached. Any such appointment may be revoked, for cause, or without cause, by any of said officers, at any time."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner - Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its officer undersigned and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed duly attested, this 27th day of July, 2015.

President

Surety & Fidelity Operations

STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNTY OF DANE

PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY

Stephen J. Sills CEO & President

On the 27th day of July, 2015 before me personally came Stephen J. Stills, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of New York, State of New York; that he is President of PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described herein and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNTY OF DANE



David J. Regele

David J. Regele Notary Public, Dane Co., WI My Commission Is Permanent

I, the undersigned, duly elected to the office stated below, now the incumbent in PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, a Nebraska Corporation, authorized to make this certificate, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the Power of Attorney is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of Middleton, State of Wisconsin this



Secretary

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