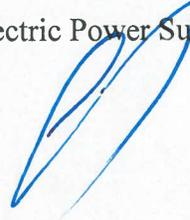


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**Inter-Department Communication****DATE:** May 25, 2017
AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III

SUBJECT: DM 17-052, Viridian Energy, LLC
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

Viridian Energy has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. Viridian Energy's current registration expires on May 31, 2017. Viridian Energy submitted a sample residential and small commercial customer contract, certificates demonstrating it completed EDI testing with Eversource and Unitil, and a continuation certificate extending the term, by one year, of its currently effective surety bond in the amount of \$100,000, and a request for a waiver of the five-year and 90-day term requirement for financial security. If the Commission were to grant the requested rule waiver, Staff believes the filing is acceptable. Staff recommends the Commission grant the waiver and approve the application for a registration period ending on the termination date of the surety bond.

Background and Analysis

On April 3, 2017, Viridian Energy, LLC (Viridian Energy) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). Viridian Energy's currently active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket DM 15-479, expires on May 31, 2017. On April 18, 2017, Viridian Energy filed a residential and small commercial contract. On May 25, 2017, Viridian Energy filed certificates demonstrating that it has completed electronic data interchange (EDI) with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil), a certificate extending the term of its currently effective surety bond, which is in the amount of \$100,000 and names the Commission as obligee, to May 31, 2018, a request for a waiver of Puc 2003.03(a)(5), which requires the financial security filed with a renewal application have a term of five years and 90 days, evidence that it is able to obtain supply in the New England energy market, and evidence that it is registered and in good standing with the New Hampshire Secretary of State.

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and, if the Commission were to grant approval of the waiver request of the financial security term requirement, believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.01. Staff recommends that the

Commission grant the request for a waiver and, because the surety bond does not meet the five-year and 90-day term requirement and because it expires on May 31, 2018, that the Commission approve a registration period concurrent with the term of the surety bond, beginning on the expiration date of the currently active registration, May 31, 2017, and ending at the close of business on May 31, 2018. Staff also recommends that the Commission notify Viridian Energy that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2017 and that Viridian Energy should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket DRM 16-853 and plan accordingly with respect to future operations in New Hampshire.

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

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