

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** August 6, 2018  
**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

**FROM:** Al-Azad Iqbal, Utility Analyst

**SUBJECT:** DM 17-170 Competitive Energy Services, LLC.   
Renewal of Registration to Provide Natural Gas Aggregation Service

**TO:** Commissioners  
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

On October 27, 2017, Competitive Energy Services, LLC (CES) filed an application to renew its registration as a provider of natural gas aggregation service. CES's previously-approved registration expired on May 15, 2017. On December 26, 2017, Staff sent a deficiency letter to the applicant regarding Puc 3003.05(a). On July 9, 2018, CES filed a rule waiver request explaining the circumstances of its failure to timely file a renewal application. It stated that CES had experienced significant personnel changes last year, because it is in a transition period, and as a result it missed the application filing deadline. CES has been a natural gas aggregator in New Hampshire since 2004 and has renewed its registration on time in previous instances.

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and determined that the filing is complete. Staff has concluded that the rule waiver request meets the public interest standard stated in Puc 201.05. Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission grant a waiver of Puc 3003.05(a) so that CES's registration is renewed without any lapse in registration, and that the Commission approves CES's renewal application to provide natural gas aggregation service, effective on May 16, 2017, for a period of 5 years.

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