

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**Inter-Department Communication****DATE:** December 18, 2017**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC**FROM:**  David Goyette, Utility Analyst III**SUBJECT:** DM 17-175, Agera Energy LLC
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier**TO:** Debra Howland, Executive DirectorExecutive Summary

Agera has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. Agera's current registration expires on January 8, 2017. Agera submitted a sample residential and small commercial customer contract, certificates demonstrating it completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and Unitil, and riders to its surety bond which extend the term by one year and increase the amount to \$500,000. Staff recommends that the Executive Director issue approval of Agera's registration renewal application, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for service in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and Unitil, for a renewal registration period ending on the termination date of the surety bond as extended.

Background and Analysis

On November 9, 2017, Agera Energy LLC (Agera) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). Agera's currently active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket DM 16-848, expires on January 8, 2017. Agera's application included certificates demonstrating that it has completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC), and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil), a residential and small commercial customer contract form, and riders that increase the amount of its currently effective surety bond from \$350,000 to \$500,000 and extend the term to January 31, 2019. Agera also submitted filings of the following: On November 17, 2017, a revised sample customer bill, on November 21, 2017, a revised customer complaint report, and on December 14, 2017, a rider that added operative language to its surety bond.

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 registration period concurrent with the term of the surety bond, beginning on the

expiration date of the currently active registration, January 8, 2018, and ending at the close of business on January 31, 2019.

Agera filed documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and Unitil. Staff therefore recommends that the Executive Director issue approval of the registration renewal application, pursuant to Puc 2003.02(c)(1), and permit Agera to serve residential and small commercial customers and to operate in the service areas of Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and Unitil.

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