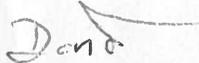


**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## Inter-Department Communication

DATE: January 30, 2018

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

  
**FROM:** David Goyette, Utility Analyst III

**SUBJECT:** DM 17-181, CS Berlin Ops, Inc.  
Request for Waiver of Puc 2003.01(c) Rule Provision  
Applicable to Competitive Electric Power Suppliers

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

Executive Summary

On January 26, 2018, CS Berlin Ops, Inc. filed a request for a waiver of Puc 2003.01(c), which requires that an applicant for registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS) provide requested information required to complete its registration within 60 days of the request. Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed the filing and recommends that the Commission grant the requested rule waiver.

Background and Analysis

On November 22, 2018, CS Berlin Ops, Inc. (CS Berlin) applied to register as a CEPS. On November 28, 2017, Staff issued a request to CS Berlin for items identified as required for but missing from the registration application. Pursuant to Puc 2003.01(c), the deadline for providing all requested items was January 26, 2018. On December 14, 2018, CS Berlin filed one of the three items requested by Staff. On January 26, 2018, CS Berlin filed a request for a waiver of the 60-day deadline under Puc 2003.01(c), asked for an extension of the time period for another 60 days, until March 25, 2018, and stated that it expects that it will have obtained evidence of its acceptance as an ISO New England market participant (the second item requested by Staff) by that date. Also on January 26, 2018, CS Berlin e-mailed Staff that it anticipates completion of EDI certification (the third item requested by Staff) by March 25, 2018.

Staff has reviewed CS Berlin's rules waiver request and believes that, because the time period for which it anticipates providing responses to Staff's remaining two requests is reasonable, and because the date by which it would provide those requests is within the 60-day extension period requested, the basis for the request is reasonable. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission grant the requested rules waiver and 60-day extension to provide the requested information.

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