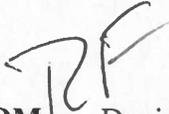
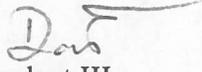


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**Inter-Department Communication****DATE:** October 26, 2018**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC
FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III
SUBJECT: DM 18-126, SmartEnergy Holdings, LLC
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier**TO:** Debra Howland, Executive DirectorExecutive Summary

SmartEnergy Holdings, LLC has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. SmartEnergy's current registration expires on October 18, 2018. SmartEnergy submitted certificates demonstrating it has completed EDI testing with Eversource and Unitil and a surety bond with a one-year term. Staff recommends that SmartEnergy's registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for service in the franchise areas of Eversource and Unitil for a renewal registration term of three years.

Background and Analysis

On August 13, 2018, SmartEnergy Holdings, LLC (SmartEnergy) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). SmartEnergy's currently active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket DM 17-129, expires on October 18, 2018. SmartEnergy'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) and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil). On August 27, 2018, SmartEnergy filed information required to complete its application form, including contact information for customer complaints, Commission assessments, and legal inquiries, and responses that it intends to serve residential and small commercial customers and that it does not intend to enroll customers through in-person solicitations at the customer's residence. On October 5, 2018, SmartEnergy filed a surety bond in the amount of \$490,000, which names the Commission as obligee, becomes effective on October 18, 2018, may not be terminated prior to October 18, 2019, and has a six-month extended claims period. On October 25, 2018, SmartEnergy filed a final form of its residential and small commercial customer contract.

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and Puc 2006.01. Staff therefore recommends that SmartEnergy's registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to Puc

2003.02(c)(1), for a registration period of (3) years, beginning on the expiration date of the currently active registration, October 18, 2018, and ending at the close of business on October 18, 2021, with SmartEnergy permitted to serve residential and small commercial customers and operate in the service areas of Eversource and Unitil.

Staff further recommends that SmartEnergy be informed that, pursuant to Puc 2003.03(e), if a CEPS's financial security instrument will not be renewed or extended beyond its expiration date, it must (1) provide written notice to the Commission of such non-renewal or non-extension no less than 60 days prior to the expiration date, and (2) file with the Executive Director a replacement financial security instrument meeting the requirements of the rules no less than 30 days prior to the expiration date, and that, under Puc 2003.03(f), a CEPS that fails to comply with the requirement to file a replacement financial security instrument is subject to fines, suspension, or revocation pursuant to Puc 2005.

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