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SUBJECT: DM 20-168, Reliant Energy Northeast LLC d/b/a NRG Home
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier
Staff Recommendation

TO: Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

Reliant Energy Northeast LLC d/b/a NRG Home (NRG) has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). NRG's current registration expires on December 22, 2020. NRG submitted certificates demonstrating it has completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), terms of service with residential and small commercial customers, and an amended surety bond in the amount of \$100,000 with a term ending on December 22, 2025. Staff recommends that NRG's registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for service in the franchise area of Eversource for a renewal registration term of three years.

Background and Analysis

On October 14, 2020, NRG filed an application to renew its registration as a CEPS. NRG's previously-approved registration, which the Commission approved in Docket No. DM 15-287, runs through December 22, 2020. On December 16, 2020, NRG filed EDI testing certificates for Eversource. On October 14, 2020, NRG had filed an amended surety bond in the amount of \$100,000, which names the Commission as obligee and became effective on December 22, 2020. On January 11, 2021 NRG submitted updated terms and conditions of service for residential and small commercial customers, and on January 19, 2021 NRG submitted further revisions to its updated terms and conditions of service.

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 NRG's registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for a registration period of three years, beginning effective on the expiration date of the previously-approved registration, December 22, 2020, and ending at the close of business on December 22, 2023, with NRG permitted to serve residential and small commercial customers and operate in the service area of Eversource.

Staff further recommends that NRG 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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