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May 25, 2011

Mr. Timothy Costello Vice President, Natural Gas Division Santa Buckley Energy, Inc. P.O. Box 1141 Bridgeport, CT 06601-1141

Re: DM 11-093, Santa Buckley Energy, Inc. Renewal Registration as a Competitive Natural Gas Supplier

Dear Mr. Costello:

On April 29, 2011, Santa Buckley Energy, Inc. (Santa Buckley Energy) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for registration as a competitive natural gas supplier (CNGS). After an initial review of the application, Commission Staff made a request that Santa Buckley Energy address certain deficiencies and omissions in its initial registration application.

Responding to Commission Staff's request, by letter dated May 6, 2011, Santa Buckley Energy filed a new surety bond for the maximum amount under Puc 3003.03 of \$350,000, and on May 19, 2011, provided supplemental information necessary for Santa Buckley Energy's compliance with the requirements of Puc 3003.01(d)(2) and Puc 3003.03(d) for its renewal application. Santa Buckley Energy also increased its corporate guaranty to the amount required under the Puc 3003.03 (a)(3) with a term that will be continuous and requiring a minimum 60 day written notice to the Commission prior to its termination.

The Commission has reviewed the Santa Buckley Energy application for renewal of its registration as a CNGS and all supporting documents submitted in the docket. Its application, together with its corporate guaranty, meets the requirements for registration pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.01-3003.03. Therefore, the Commission will approve Santa Buckley Energy's application as a CNGS in the State of New Hampshire, with the registration to be effective on June 5, 2011, coinciding with the expiration of its current registration. This registration will expire either at the end of business on June 4, 2016 or upon the termination or expiration of the surety bond, whichever occurs first.

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Additionally, please bear in mind the following provisions of Puc 3003:

Pursuant to Puc 3003.03 (a)(6), unless the value is already set to the maximum, each CNGS shall adjust the amount of its instrument of financial security annually, if necessary, based upon its customers' combined usage, under Puc 3003.03 (a)(2) b. (or, in the alternative, c.).

Pursuant to Puc 3003.03 (b) and (c), each CNGS shall report to the Commission its monthly and annual metered accounts and usage for the prior calendar year on or before March 1 of each year.

Pursuant to Puc 3003.02 (a), each CNGS applicant shall re-register with the Commission every 5 years by filing an application for renewal. Each CNGS applicant shall file an application for renewal at least 60 days prior to the expiration of its registration.

Pursuant to Puc 3003.02 (b), each CNGS shall include on each renewal application an update, including any changes, to all information contained in the previous application. If a CNGS fails to meet its re-filing obligation, the original registration shall expire.

Pursuant to Puc 3003.01 (i), a CNGS shall notify any LDC in whose service territory it intends to do business of the filing of its registration or renewal application at the time its files such application with the Commission.

Pursuant to Puc 3003.03(d), with each application for renewal, each CNGS shall file, on a confidential basis, a report listing any aggregators currently using the CNGS to provide service to New Hampshire customers, and the number of customers served by each listed aggregator.

Accordingly, Santa Buckley Energy's application for renewal would be due on or before April 7, 2016 and its monthly and annual usage reporting will be due annually as defined in Puc 3003.03 (a)(6) and Puc 3003.03 (b) and (c).

Use the link below to access N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3000 regarding competitive natural gas supplier and aggregator rules (<u>http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC3000.pdf</u>). If you have any questions regarding these provisions, please contact the Commission.

Sincerely,

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