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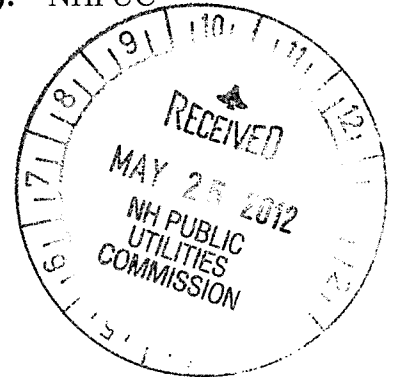
DATE: May 25, 2012

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation
DM 12-108 Ecova, Inc.
Natural Gas Aggregator Registration Application

TO: Debra Howland
Executive Director



Staff has completed its review of the natural gas aggregator registration application for Ecova, Inc., filed on April 26, 2012. The registration application is complete and in compliance with the requirements of Puc 3003.04.

Staff recommends approval of the application for Ecova, Inc. as a natural gas aggregator in New Hampshire. The effective date should coincide with the date of the approval letter. This is an initial natural gas aggregator registration and as such carries a term of two years from the approval date.

Staff does point out that in the applicant's cover letter on page two, a reference to Ecova having acquired LPB Energy Management on or about February 3, 2012. LPB Energy Management is a registered natural gas aggregator in the State of NH (see DM 11-154). There has been no notice in DM 11-154 of this change of ownership of LPB Energy Management, as is required in our administrative rules. The approval letter for Ecova could also make reference to this apparent oversight and inquire as to the status of LPB Energy Management.

Should you have any questions regarding this registration application, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Wyatt of the Gas/Water Division.

Cc: Service List (electronically)