STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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- SUBJECT: DM 12-145 Application of NextEra Energy Services New Hampshire, 11/12 LLC to Renew its Registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS); Staff's Recommendation for Approval
 - TO: Debra A. Howland Executive Director

On May 30, 2012, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from NextEra Energy Services New Hampshire, LLC to renew its registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS). In its application, NextEra Energy filed a waiver request pertaining to Puc 2003.02(a) which requires the application for renewal be filed no less than 60 days prior to the expiration of the currently effective registration. NextEra Energy is renewal was due 60 days prior to the expiration date of June 9, 2012. NextEra Energy cited that the delay was due to an administrative oversight. On July 25, 2012, NextEra Energy requested a 45 day extension to obtain an amended financial surety to meet the requirements of Puc 2003.03(a)(5). On August 16, 2012, the company provided a financial surety which meets the requirements pursuant to Puc 2003.03 (a)(5).

Considering the record of timely renewals since NextEra Energy's initial registration in 2008, and the general confusion among registrants regarding the adoption of a revised Puc 2000 on August 25, 2010, Staff recommends that the application be considered as a renewal for this instance only and that the Commission grant the waiver of Puc 2003.02(a) for this renewal only.

Staff has reviewed NextEra Energy's application and believes that it meets the requirements of Puc 2003.01. It is Staff's recommendation that NextEra Energy's application to renew its registration as a CEPS in New Hampshire be approved. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.