

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: November 15, 2012

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation
DM 12-268 Satori Enterprises LLC
Natural Gas Aggregator Registration Application

TO: Debra Howland
Executive Director

Staff has completed its review of the natural gas aggregator registration application for Satori Enterprises LLC (Satori). The registration application was filed on September 11, 2012 with updates submitted on November 14, 2012, in response to a Staff letter of deficiency sent on October 31, 2012. The registration application is now complete and in compliance with the requirements of Administrative Rule Puc 3003.04, Registration for Natural Gas Aggregators.

Staff recommends approval of the application for Satori as a natural gas aggregator in New Hampshire. The effective date should be set to coincide with 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 note that Satori had previously signed one natural gas customer with an approved natural gas supplier prior to applying for its natural gas aggregator registration. At the time Satori was registered as an electric power aggregator and stated that it was not aware of Commission requirements to be registered separately as a natural gas aggregator. Satori also stated that it had not pursued any other natural gas customers. Staff has been aware of a small number of similar situations and is working with the suppliers to get these entities registered and in compliance with Commission rules. Staff is not aware of any consumer complaints related to Satori which is currently registered as an approver electric power aggregator (see DM 12-061). Nonetheless, it may be appropriate to remind Satori of its responsibility to fully comply with the requirements of Puc 3000 as it relates to competitive natural gas suppliers and aggregators.

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)