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May 29, 2018

Robert Desrosiers, Vice President CS Berlin Ops, Inc. One Community Street Berlin, NH 03570

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Re: DM 17-181, CS Berlin Ops, Inc. Application for Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Mr. Desrosiers:

On November 22, 2017, CS Berlin Ops, Inc. (CS Berlin) filed an application for initial registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). CS Berlin was granted a 60-day extension to complete its application. On March 23, 2018, CS Berlin filed a request for a second waiver of Puc 2003.01(c) and a further 60-day extension to provide information required to complete its application.

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on May 25, 2018, that summarizes the filing made by CS Berlin in connection with its application for initial registration, CS Berlin's second filing deadline waiver and 60-day extension request, Staff's analysis of the completed application, and Staff's request to add two more days to CS Berlin's second 60-day extension request. Staff noted that, if the waiver and the extension requests were approved, the application complies with the requirements of Puc 2003 and Puc 2006.01. Staff recommended approval of the waiver request and the extension requests, and of CS Berlin's application for initial registration for a term concurrent with its surety bond, as amended, beginning on the date of the Commission's approval letter and ending at the close of business on May 22, 2019, which is the expiration date of the surety bond. In addition, Staff recommended that the initial registration authorize CS Berlin to operate in the franchise areas of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil).

CS Berlin's application for initial registration as a CEPS authorized to operate in the franchise areas of Eversource and Unitil is approved for a term beginning on May 25, 2018 and ending at the close of business on May 22, 2019. Pursuant to Puc 2003.02(a), CS Berlin must submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before March 23, 2019.

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Please be aware that registered CEPS are subject to specific requirements contained in Puc 2000 – Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These rules are available at: <u>http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC2000.pdf</u>.

Please also note that each CEPS must input into a shopping comparison website, maintained by the Commission, information regarding its standard pricing policies, charges, and key terms for residential and small commercial customers. This information must be updated whenever it changes, but no less frequently than once per month. These requirements are intended to comply with <u>RSA 374-F:4-b</u>, <u>II and Puc 2004.03(a)</u>. Following its initial registration, each CEPS will be sent by electronic mail a link to the website through which it must input the required information.

In addition, all CEPS must comply with the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) requirements of RSA 362-F. The RPS obligation applies to every "provider of electricity," as defined in RSA 362-F:2, XIV, which includes registered CEPS. Please also refer to the Puc 2500 rules for further details regarding RPS compliance and reporting requirements. RPS compliance is on a calendar year basis and must be reported to the Commission by July 1 of the subsequent calendar year. Pursuant to RSA 378:49 and Puc 2004.05, all CEPS also must comply with the requirement to disclose environmental characteristics of the electricity they sell to retail customers.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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