

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**Inter-Department Communication****DATE:** January 15, 2019**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC
FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III**SUBJECT:** DM 18-168, UGI Energy Services, LLC
Application for Registration as Competitive Natural Gas Supplier**TO:** Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive DirectorExecutive Summary

UGI Energy Services, LLC has applied to register as a competitive natural gas supplier. UGI submitted evidence that it has notified Liberty and Unitil of its intent to serve customers in the territories of those LDCs and a surety bond in the amount of \$350,000. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the application for a registration with a five-year term.

Background and Analysis

On October 30, 2018, UGI Energy Services, LLC (UGI) filed an application to register as a competitive natural gas supplier (CNGS). On December 17, 2018, UGI filed documentation that shows it is an approved shipper on upstream pipelines and underground storage facilities on which a local distribution company will assign capacity and evidence it has notified Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) and Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) of its intent to serve customers in the territories of those local distribution companies (LDCs). On January 14, 2019, UGI filed a surety bond in the amount of \$350,000, which names the Commission as obligee, and has a term of five years and 150 days from October 30, 2018.

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and believes it meets the requirements of Puc 3003 and 3006.01. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the initial registration with a five-year term beginning on the date of the Commission's approval letter. Staff also recommends that the Commission notify UGI that the rules applicable to CNGS are likely to change during 2019 and that UGI should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket DRM 18-152 and plan accordingly with respect to future operations in New Hampshire.

UGI filed documentation that demonstrates it has notified Liberty and Northern that it intends to provide service in the territories of those LDCs. Staff therefore

recommends approval of UGI's application to register as a CNGS, pursuant to Puc 3003.01(e), with UGI permitted to operate in the service areas of Liberty and Northern.

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