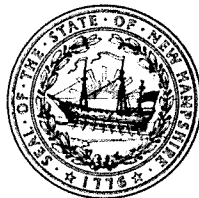


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Mr. Jay L. Kooper  
Director of Regulatory Affairs  
Hess Corporation  
One Hess Plaza  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Re: DM 12-005 Hess Corporation  
Renewal of Registration to Supply Competitive Electric Service in New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Kooper:

On January 9, 2012, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Hess Corporation to renew its registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS). On February 13, 2012, Staff sent a deficiency letter regarding Puc 2003.02(a) and Puc 2003.03 (a)(5). On February 14, 2012, Hess Corporation 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. Hess Corporation's renewal was due on December 14, 2011. Hess Corporation stated that the delay was due to their confusion about the rules for the renewal application. The company also provided a financial surety which meets the requirement of Puc 2003.03 (a)(5).

The Commission may waive a rule pursuant to Puc 201.05 if it finds the waiver serves the public interest and the waiver does not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. The Commission has determined that the applicable standards for a waiver are satisfied and that granting a waiver is consistent with the public good.

Staff has reviewed the application and believes that it meets the requirements of Puc 2003.01. Based on Staff's recommendation and the Commission's review, the Commission will approve Hess Corporation's application to have its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS) renewed.

Please bear in mind the following provision of Puc 2003.02 (a) "Each registered CEPS shall re-register with the commission every 5 years by filing with the commission an application for renewal. Each application for renewal shall be filed no less than 60 days prior to the termination of the currently effective registration. If a CEPS fails to meet its re-filing obligation, its registration shall

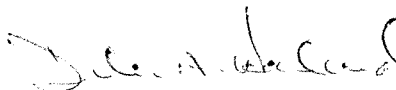
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expire by its terms.” Therefore, Hess Corporation is required to re-register on or before December 14, 2016. You are also advised that CEPS and aggregators must comply with the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) requirements of RSA 362-F. The RPS obligation applies to every “provider of electricity” as defined in RSA 374-F:2, II which includes CEPS and aggregators. See RSA 362-F:2,XIV. Please also refer to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2500 for further details regarding compliance and reporting requirements. Compliance is on a calendar year basis and must be reported to the Commission by July 1 of the subsequent calendar year. In addition, pursuant to RSA 378:49, all CEPS, electric service brokers and aggregators must comply with the requirement to disclose environmental characteristics of the electricity they sell to retail customers. Commission Order No. 25,264 provides guidance as to the appropriate format for such disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this provision, please contact the Commission. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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