STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: February 12, 2013 **AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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SUBJECT: DM 12-315 Application of Union Atlantic Electricity for Registration as a

Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS); Staff's Recommendation to

extend time to complete the application

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Executive Director

On October 15, 2012, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Union Atlantic Electricity (UAE) for its registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS). In its application, UAE did not provide proof of its authorization to do business in New Hampshire from the New Hampshire secretary of state or statements from each utility with which the applicant intends to do business as a CEPS indicating that the applicant has complied with the training and testing requirements for electronic data interchange (EDI). As part of its initial application, UAE requested a waiver with respect to the financial surety required pursuant to Puc 2003.03. UAE requested a lower financial surety of \$15,000 instead of the \$100,000 minimum required under the rule. However, after discussion with Staff, UAE decided to abide by the financial surety requirements stated in the rule. On December 10, 2012, UAE provided proof of authorization to do business in New Hampshire, and requested additional time to provide the financial surety and complete EDI testing. On January 25, 2012, UAE requested a further extension of time to March 30, 2013. Staff believes that this extension of time is reasonable provided that UAE complete its application without any further delay. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the extension of time on the condition that UAE completes its application by March 30, 2013.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.