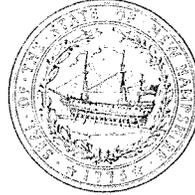


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April 5, 2013

William Howard, President
Howard Energy Services, Inc.
16 Forest Avenue
Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064

Re: DM 12-357, Howard Energy Services, Inc.
Registration as a Natural Gas Aggregator

Dear Mr. Howard:

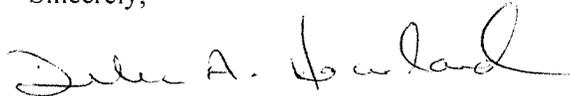
On December 18, 2012, Howard Energy Services, Inc. (Howard Energy) filed with the Commission an application for registration as a natural gas aggregator, together with the application fee of \$250.00. After an initial review of the application by Commission Staff, certain deficiencies in the registration application were brought to the attention of Howard Energy. Specifically, Howard Energy has been conducting aggregator activities in New Hampshire prior to applying for its natural gas aggregator registration. Howard Energy was notified by a registered New Hampshire supplier that the supplier's recent renewal registration was conditionally approved because the CNGS disclosed existing New Hampshire business arrangements with gas aggregator entities that were not in compliance with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.04 registration requirements. Additionally, Howard Energy filed incomplete information pursuant to Puc 3006.02(a)(2) and failed to include an updated certificate of good standing pursuant to Puc 3006.02(a)(5). On March 4, 2013, Howard Energy filed documentation resolving issues identified in Staff's deficiency letter of December 21, 2012, including forwarding a certificate of good standing from the New Hampshire Secretary of State.

Commission Staff determined that the application for registration as a natural gas aggregator is now complete and meets the requirements for registration pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.04. On March 6, 2013, Staff filed its recommendation to approve the application. The Commission will approve the registration with an effective date of April 5, 2013. The registration will expire at the end of business on April 4, 2015.

Additionally, please bear in mind that, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3003.05 (a), each aggregator shall re-register with the Commission by filing an application for renewal at least 60 days prior to the expiration of its registration, i.e., in the case of Howard Energy, on or before February 3, 2015. Please file a timely renewal application. Registration instructions and a checklist of requirements to properly file a renewal registration application are located on the Commission website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Gas-Steam/CNGS-Aggregator%20registration%20application%20instructions%20and%20checklist.pdf>.

All registered Natural Gas Aggregators in the State of New Hampshire are subject to specific requirements spelled out in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3000 – Competitive Natural Gas Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These rules can be found on our website at (<http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC3000.pdf>). Howard Energy should take care to comply with these provisions. If you have any questions regarding these provisions, 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, with a large initial "D" and "H".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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