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Re: DM 15-180, FairPoint Energy, LLC
Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Ms. Nolan:

On May 26, 2015, FairPoint Energy, LLC (FairPoint Energy) submitted an application to the Commission to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). The application included a certificate demonstrating FairPoint Energy had completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) and Unitil Energy Services (UES) and a surety bond with a one-year term that expires July 26, 2016. On May 26, 2015, under a separate filing, FairPoint Energy requested a waiver of Puc 2003.03(a)(5), which requires that the financial security filed with a CEPS renewal application have a term of five years and 90 days. On July 16, 2015, FairPoint Energy filed a sample residential and small commercial customer contract.

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on July 16, 2015, and noted that, if the rule waiver is granted, the application complies with the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.02. Staff recommended that the Commission grant the waiver request and approve the registration for a term that begins July 26, 2015 and ends concurrently with the expiration date of the surety bond, July 26, 2016. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize FairPoint Energy to operate only in the franchise areas of PSNH and UES. Finally, Staff recommended that FairPoint Energy be informed that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2015 and that it should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly.

The Commission has reviewed FairPoint Energy's renewal application and Staff's recommendation and has granted the requested rule waiver, having found the waiver is for good cause and in the public interest, and has approved the application as recommended. Accordingly, FairPoint Energy's application to renew its registration as a CEPS, authorized to operate only in the franchise areas of PSNH and UES, is granted for a term beginning on July 26, 2015 and ending on July 26, 2016. Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.02(a),

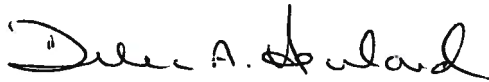
FairPoint Energy must submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before May 27, 2016.

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

In addition, 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, all CEPS also must comply with the requirement to disclose environmental characteristics of the electricity they sell to retail customers. Commission Order No. 25,264, in Docket No. DE 10-226, provides guidance as to the appropriate format for such disclosure. Order No. 25,264 can be viewed at: <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Orders/2011orders/25264e.pdf>.

Finally, as noted above, the financial security rules set forth in Puc 2003.05(a)(5) are likely to change. Please monitor the Commission’s website for notice of this rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" being more prominent.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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