

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DM 15-468, GDF Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc.
Application for Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

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TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

GDF Suez has applied to become a competitive electric power supplier. GDF Suez submitted certificates demonstrating it completed EDI testing with Eversource Energy, NHEC, Liberty Utilities, and Unitol Energy Systems, and a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000. GDF Suez indicated that it intends to serve only large commercial and industrial customers. Staff believes the filing is acceptable. Staff recommends the Commission approve the application, for service in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES, for a five year initial registration period.

Background and Analysis

On October 29, 2015, GDF Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc. (GDF Suez) filed an application to register as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). GDF Suez's application included documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Liberty Utilities (Liberty) and Unitol Energy Services (UES) and evidence that it is able to obtain supply in the New England energy market. In its initial filing, GDF Suez indicated that it intends to only provide service in the service territories of Liberty and UES and that it intends to serve only large commercial and industrial customers.

On November 23, 2015, GDF Suez filed a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000, with a five-year and 150-day term, which became effective on November 19, 2015 and expires on April 17, 2021, and names the Commission as obligee.

On November 23, 2015, GDF Suez also submitted, under a separate filing, a statement that it wishes to expand its service area and documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource).

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.01. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the registration for a term of five years. Staff also recommends that the Commission

notify GDF Suez that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2016 and that GDF Suez should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly with respect to future operations in New Hampshire.

GDF Suez filed documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES. Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission approve GDF Suez's application to register as a CEPS, and that it permit GDF Suez to operate in the service areas of Eversource, Liberty, NHEC, and UES.

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