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Re: DM 15-514, Clearview Electric, Inc. d/b/a Clearview Energy
Application to Register as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

Dear Mr. Reed:

On December 21, 2015 Clearview Electric, Inc. d/b/a Clearview Energy (Clearview Energy) submitted an application to the Commission to register as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). The application included documentation that demonstrates Clearview Energy has completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and Unitil Energy Systems (UES), evidence that it is able to obtain supply in the New England energy market, and a request for a waiver of Puc 2003.03(a)(5), which requires the financial security filed with a CEPS renewal application have a term of five years and 120 days. On February 9, 2016, Clearview Energy filed a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000, which became effective on October 1, 2015 and expires on March 21, 2017, and names the Commission as obligee. On May 9, 2016, Clearview Energy filed a revised form of residential and small commercial customer contract and documentation that shows it has also completed EDI testing with Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty).

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on May 11, 2016, and noted that, if a waiver of the financial security term requirement is granted, the application complies with the requirements of Puc 2003 and 2006.01. Staff recommended that the Commission grant the request for the waiver of the financial security term requirement and approve the registration for a term that begins on the date of the Commission's approval letter and ends concurrently with the expiration date of the surety bond, on March 21, 2017. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize Clearview Energy to operate in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES. Finally, Staff recommended that Clearview Energy be informed that the financial security rules are likely to change during 2016 and that it should monitor the rulemaking process in Docket No. DRM 13-151 and plan accordingly.

The Commission has reviewed Clearview Energy's 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, Clearview Energy's application to register as a CEPS, authorized to operate in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and UES, is granted for a term beginning on May 16, 2016 and ending on March 21, 2017. Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.02(a), Clearview Energy must submit its next renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before January 20, 2017.

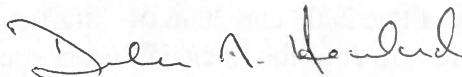
Please be aware that registered CEPSs are subject to specific requirements contained in Puc 2000 – Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These rules are available at: <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC2000.pdf>.

Each CEPS also must input into a shopping comparison website maintained by the Commission, information regarding its standard pricing policies, charges, and key terms for residential and small commercial customers. This information must be updated whenever it changes, but no less frequently than once per month. These requirements are intended to comply with RSA 374-F:4-b, II. Following its initial registration, each CEPS will be sent by electronic mail a link to the website through which it must input the required information.

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,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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