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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DM 18-091, Energy Rewards, LLC (f/k/a FairPoint Energy, L\(^1\)C)

Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director

Executive Summary

Energy Rewards, LLC (f/k/a FairPoint Energy, LLC) has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. Energy Rewards' current registration expires on July 26, 2018. Energy Rewards submitted certificates demonstrating it has completed EDI testing with Eversource and Unitil and a verification certificate that extends the expiration of its currently-effective surety bond by one year. Staff recommends that Energy Rewards' registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for service in the franchise areas of Eversource and Unitil for a renewal registration term of one year.

Background and Analysis

On May 30, 2018, Energy Rewards, LLC (f/k/a FairPoint Energy, LLC) (Energy Rewards) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). Energy Rewards' currently active registration, which the Commission approved in Docket DM 17-089, expires on July 26, 2018. Energy Rewards' application included certificates demonstrating that it has completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil), and residential and small commercial customer contract forms. On June 4, 2018, Energy Rewards filed unredacted versions of a verification certificate and a rider to its currently-effective surety bond that extends the expiration date to July 26, 2019, adds new operative language for drawing upon the bond, and extends the claims period to six months, together with a statement that it withdraws its request for confidential treatment of the verification certificate and rider that were filed on May 30, 2018. On June 5, 2018, Energy Rewards filed a statement to clarify and confirm that it intends also to provide service in the franchise area of Eversource.

Staff has reviewed the information in the renewal application and believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and Puc 2006.01. Staff recommends approval of a registration period concurrent with the extended term of the surety bond, beginning on

the expiration date of the currently active registration, July 26, 2018, and ending at the close of business on July 26, 2019.

Energy Rewards filed documentation that demonstrates it has completed EDI testing with Eversource and Unitil. Staff therefore recommends that Energy Rewards' registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to Puc 2003.02(c)(1), with Energy Rewards permitted to operate in the service areas of Eversource and Unitil.

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