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February 8, 2019

Raima Jamal, Corporate Counsel
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Re: DM 18-195, Agera Energy LLC
Application to Renew Registration as Competitive Natural Gas Supplier

Dear Ms. Jamal:

On December 31, 2018, Agera Energy LLC (Agera) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive natural gas supplier (CNGS). Agera submitted additional documentation on January 31, 2019 and February 4, 2019. In connection with its application, Agera requested a waiver of the filing deadline requirement of Puc 3003.02(a) and a waiver of Puc 3003.03(a)(5), which requires that the financial security filed with a renewal application have a term of five year and 90 days.

Commission Staff filed a memorandum on February 4, 2019 that summarizes the filings made by Agera in connection with its renewal and Staff's analysis of the completed application and rule waiver requests. Staff noted that, if waivers of the filing deadline requirement and financial security term requirement are granted, the application complies with the requirements of Puc 3003 and Puc 3006.01. Staff recommended that the Commission grant the request for waivers and approve the renewal for a term concurrent with the letter of credit, beginning on the expiration date of the currently active registration, February 4, 2019, and ending at the close of business on February 4, 2020. In addition, Staff recommended that the Commission authorize Agera to operate in the franchise areas of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) and Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern). Finally, Staff recommended that Agera be informed that the rules applicable to CNGS are likely to change during 2019, and that it should monitor the rulemaking process in DRM 18-152 and plan accordingly.

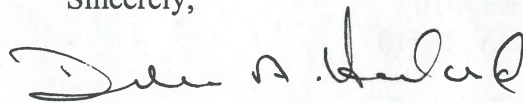
The Commission has reviewed Agera's renewal application and Staff's recommendation and has granted the requested rule waivers, having found they would serve the public interest, and approved the application as recommended. Accordingly, Agera's application to renew its registration as a CNGS, authorized to operate in the franchise areas of Liberty and Northern, is granted for a term beginning on February 4, 2019 and ending at the close of business on February

4, 2020. Pursuant to Puc 3003.02(a), Agera must submit its renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the approved registration period, on or before December 6, 2019.

Please be aware that registered CNGS are subject to specific requirements contained in Puc 3000 – Competitive Natural Gas Supplier and Aggregator Rules. These rules are available at: <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Rules/PUC3000.pdf>.

Finally, as noted above, the rules applicable to CNGS set forth in Puc 3000 are likely to change. Please monitor the Commission’s website for developments in the rulemaking process in Docket DRM 18-152 and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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