

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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**SUBJECT:** DM 21-025, CleanChoice Energy, Inc.  
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier  
**Staff Recommendation**

**TO:** Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

## Executive Summary

CleanChoice Energy, Inc. has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. CleanChoice's current registration runs through April 15, 2021. CleanChoice submitted certificates demonstrating it had completed EDI testing with Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil, and a verification certificate for its surety bond extending the term through April 14, 2022. Staff recommends that CleanChoice's registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for service to large commercial and industrial customers only, in the franchise areas of Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil, for a renewal registration term of three years.

## Background and Analysis

On February 12, 2021, CleanChoice Energy, Inc. (CleanChoice) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). CleanChoice's most recent registration, which the Commission approved in Docket DM 18-018, runs through April 15, 2021. CleanChoice's application included certificates demonstrating that it had completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty), and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil), and a verification certificate for its surety bond extending the term through April 14, 2022. CleanChoice indicated its intent to serve all customer classes, but did not include forms of terms of service for residential and small commercial customers. According to CleanChoice, it is not actively marketing in New Hampshire at this time and will submit residential and small commercial customer contracts to the Commission before initiating marketing activities in the state.

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and Puc 2006.01. Staff therefore recommends that CleanChoice's registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for a registration period of three years, beginning on the expiration date of the current registration, April 15, 2021, and ending at the close of business on April 15, 2024, with CleanChoice permitted to serve large commercial and industrial customers only and operate in the

service areas of Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil only. Prior to serving any residential or small commercial customers in New Hampshire, CleanChoice must file an update to its registration, including contract terms and conditions and an updated application containing current complaint information, for Commission review and approval.

Staff further recommends that CleanChoice be informed that, pursuant to Puc 2003.03(e), if a CEPS's financial security instrument will not be renewed or extended beyond its expiration date, it must (1) provide written notice to the Commission of such non-renewal or non-extension no less than 60 days prior to the expiration date, and (2) file with the Executive Director a replacement financial security instrument meeting the requirements of the rules no less than 30 days prior to the expiration date, and that, under Puc 2003.03(f), a CEPS that fails to comply with the requirement to file a replacement financial security instrument is subject to fines, suspension, or revocation pursuant to Puc 2005.

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