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Inter-Department Communication

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**SUBJECT:** DM 21-107, CS Berlin Ops, Inc.  
Renewal of Registration as Competitive Electric Power Supplier  
**Staff Recommendation**

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

## Executive Summary

CS Berlin Ops, Inc. has applied to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier. CS Berlin's current registration runs through May 29, 2021. CS Berlin submitted certificates demonstrating it had completed EDI testing with Eversource, and a continuation certificate for its surety bond extending the term through May 21, 2022. CS Berlin requested a rule waiver regarding the late date of its renewal registration filing. Staff recommends that CS Berlin's rule waiver request be granted and its registration renewal application be approved, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 2003.02(c)(1), for service in the franchise area of Eversource for a renewal registration term of three years.

## Background and Analysis

On May 27, 2021, CS Berlin Ops, Inc. (CS Berlin) filed an application to renew its registration as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS) and requested a waiver of the renewal filing deadline specified in Puc 2003.02(b). CS Berlin's current registration, which the Commission approved in Docket DM 17-181, runs through May 29, 2021. CS Berlin's application included a certificate demonstrating that it had completed electronic data interchange (EDI) testing with Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource). The application also included a continuation certificate for its surety bond extending the term of the bond through May 21, 2022.

Staff has reviewed the information in the application and believes it meets the requirements of Puc 2003 and Puc 2006.01. Staff notes that, pursuant to Puc 2003.02(b), CS Berlin's renewal application should have been filed at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the current registration, on or before March 28, 2021. Staff therefore recommends that CS Berlin's rule waiver requested be granted and that its 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, May 29, 2021, and ending at the close of business on May 29, 2024, with CS Berlin permitted to serve only large commercial and industrial customers and operate in the service area of Eversource.

Staff further recommends that CS Berlin 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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