

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: April 7, 2010
AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

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SUBJECT: DM 10-046, Metromedia Energy, Inc.
Application for Renewal as a Competitive Natural Gas Supplier

TO: Commissioners
Executive Director
Docket File



On March 8, 2010, Metromedia Energy, Inc. (Metromedia) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for renewal of registration as a competitive natural gas supplier for the next two years. Its currently effective registration expires by its terms on April 7, 2010. Staff has reviewed the application for renewal and found that it satisfies the renewal requirements in all respects, save one. Metromedia has had in place a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000 to cover its operations in New Hampshire. That bond was set to expire on April 21, 2010. Metromedia has taken steps to extend the bond, and, in fact, had obtained an extension of the bond. Staff, however, required that minor changes be made to the bond extension prior to its filing. Metromedia has informed Staff that the newly amended extension will be filed as soon as it is available. As a result of requiring changes to the bond, Metromedia has not been able to file an extension of that bond prior to the expiration date of its currently effective registration.

In light of the above facts, Staff files this memorandum to recommend that Metromedia be granted conditional approval, effective April 7, 2010, subject to the submission of an acceptable extension of the surety bond by April 30, 2010. Staff bases this recommendation upon Metromedia's record of service in this State, the satisfactory completion of all other requirements of its registration, and the fact that the expiration date will pass because of requests of Commission Staff. Staff further recommends that a formal approval letter be issued upon receipt of an acceptable bond extension, and that such letter include a decision on Metromedia's request for confidential treatment of certain information in its filing.