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Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DM 12-315 Union Atlantic Electricity
Registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier
Staff Recommendation**TO:** Commission
Debra Howland, Executive Director

On October 25, 2012, Union Atlantic Electricity (Union) filed an application to register as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS). On December 10, 2012, Union notified the Commission that its application would not likely be completed within the required 60 days because it still needed to obtain financial assurance and EDI testing certification, and that it expected to have a complete application by January 7, 2013. On January 25, 2013, Union requested an extension of time, until March 30, 2013, in order to obtain financial assurance and EDI testing certification. On February 12, 2013, Staff recommended that Union's request for an extension be granted, and, on February 15, 2013, the Commission approved the extension. On April 19, 2013, Union requested a second extension of time, until July 1, 2013, stating that it was in the queue for EDI testing and that it would provide an instrument demonstrating financial assurance when testing was completed with at least one default distribution utility. On June 13, 2013 Staff recommended the extension request be approved and, on June 14, 2013, the Commission granted the request. On June 20, 2013, Union provided a certificate demonstrating that it had successfully completed EDI testing with New Hampshire Electric Co-op.

Contrary to Union's statement in its April 19, 2013 extension request, since the time EDI testing has been completed with one distribution utility, on June 20, 2013, no instrument demonstrating financial assurance has been forthcoming from Union, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 2003.01 and Puc 2003.03. In addition, there is no record of any communication from Union during the 3 weeks that have passed since July 1, 2013, the expiration date of its second extension. For these reasons, and because Union's application has been pending in an incomplete status since October 25, 2012, Staff recommends that the Commission reject, without prejudice, Union's application to register as a CEPS.