

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** January 14, 2013

**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

**FROM:** Robert J. Wyatt *RJW*  
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**SUBJECT:** Staff Recommendation  
DM 12-350 Definitive Energy Group, Inc.  
Natural Gas Aggregator Registration Application

**TO:** Debra Howland  
Executive Director

Staff has completed its review of the natural gas aggregator registration application for Definitive Energy Group, Inc. (DEGI). The registration application was filed on December 7, 2012 with an updated certificate of authority submitted on December 18, 2012. An updated application was filed on January 10, 2013, in response to a Staff letter of deficiency sent on December 21, 2012. The registration application is now complete and in compliance with the requirements of Administrative Rule Puc 3003.04, Registration for Natural Gas Aggregators.

Staff recommends approval of the application for DEGI as a natural gas aggregator in New Hampshire. The effective date should be set to coincide with date of the approval letter. This is an initial natural gas aggregator registration and as such carries a term of two years from the approval date.

Staff does note that DEGI had previously signed natural gas customers with a registered New Hampshire natural gas supplier prior to applying for its natural gas aggregator registration. At the time it engaged in the unregistered aggregation, DEGI was dealing directly with out-of-state corporate entities that had facility operating sites in New Hampshire. DEGI was notified by a registered NH supplier it was dealing with that its recent renewal registration was conditionally approved because the CNGS disclosed existing NH business arrangements with gas aggregator entities that were not in compliance with Puc 3003.04 registration requirements. Soon after DEGI became aware of this requirement, it filed an application to become a registered gas aggregator in NH. Staff is working with the registered NH suppliers to get entities such as this registered and in compliance with Commission rules. Staff is not aware of any consumer complaints related to DEGI. Nonetheless, it may be appropriate to remind DEGI of its responsibility to fully comply with the requirements of Puc 3000 related to competitive natural gas suppliers and aggregators going forward. Should you have any questions regarding this registration application, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Wyatt of the Gas/Water Division.

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