

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: April 24, 2013

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM: Robert J. Wyatt *RJW*
Assistant Director, Safety Division

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation
DM 13-069 Pope Energy
Natural Gas Aggregator Registration Application

TO: Debra Howland
Executive Director

Staff has completed its review of the natural gas aggregator registration application for Pope Energy that was filed on March 5, 2013. By commission rule, the renewal application was due on February 1, 2013, but was filed approximately five weeks late. On April 1, 2013, the applicant filed a letter requesting a waiver of the filing requirement that renewal applications be submitted 60 days prior to the expiration of the current registration. On April 4, 2013 Staff requested additional clarification from the applicant confirming the legal business relationship between Pope Energy and Pope Industries, Inc. On April 10, 2013 the applicant submitted additional documentation confirming that Pope Industries, Inc. continues to be registered with the office of the New Hampshire Secretary of State doing business under the trade name Pope Energy. The registration application is now complete and in compliance with the requirements of Puc 3003.05.

Staff recommends approval of the application for Pope Energy as a natural gas aggregator in New Hampshire. As for the applicant's request to waive the 60-day advance filing requirement, Staff recommends acceptance of the late filing in this case, but with the strong expectation that future renewal applications by Pope Energy be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Puc 3003.05. The effective date should coincide with the expiration date of the applicant's current registration, 4/01/13 (see DM 11-051). The renewed registration will carry a term of five years from the effective date.

Should you have any questions regarding this registration application, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Wyatt, Commission Staff.

Cc: Service List (electronically)