## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** June 11, 2015 **AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

FROM: Al-Az

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**SUBJECT:** 

DM 14-299 Agera Energy LLC

Competitive Natural Gas Supplier Request to Replace Letter of Credit with Surety Bond

**TO:** Commission

Debra Howland, Executive Director

On May 21, 2015, Agera Energy, LLC (Agera), a registered competitive natural gas supplier, filed a surety bond (bond) dated May 14, 2015 in the amount of \$100,000 (Bond Number. 404012811), intended to replace the Letter of Credit (LOC), dated February 04, 2015 and filed with the Commission on February 15, 2015, as amended by Amendment no. 1, dated February 10, 2015 and filed on February 12, 2015 (Comerica Bank LC # OSB4907M). On June 4, 2015 Agera filed an updated bond with new expiration date. Agera stated it would like to provide the bond to serve as its required financial security instead of the LOC it currently has posted with the Commission.

Staff has reviewed the bond and found it to be substantially similar in its material terms to the LOC as amended including the expiration date. In addition, the material terms and conditions of the bond are no less favorable to the Commission and the interests to be protected under its rules than are those of the LOC previously filed by Agera in this docket.

Because the amount, term, and other material terms and conditions of the bond are substantially similar to and no less favorable than those of the LOC as amended, Staff recommends that the Commission accept the bond as replacement financial security for the LOC as amended.

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