STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: March 9, 2016 **AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III

SUBJECT: DM 15-479 Viridian Energy, LLC

Request for Extension of Application Period for Registration as a

Competitive Electric Power Supplier

TO: Commission

Debra Howland, Executive Director

On March 9, 2016, Viridian Energy, LLC (Viridian) requested a waiver of Puc 2003.04(h) and an extension to April 30, 2016 of the review period for its application to register as a competitive electric power supplier (CEPS), which currently expires on March 11, 2016. In its request, Viridian stated that it is awaiting electronic data interchange (EDI) testing start dates from Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource).

Viridian stated that it will file an update to the status of all responses in its initially filed application to address any material changes from the date the application was originally filed, including responses regarding states in which Viridian currently conducts business, complaints, and any convictions of applicant principals. In addition, Viridian stated it is aware of all items still listed as deficient and required to complete its application, including extending the expiration date of its surety bond to be no earlier than one year and seven business days after the projected date that all EDI testing and training is completed.

On November 12, 2016, Staff sent a deficiency letter to Viridian requesting additional information required to complete its application, including a statement from each utility for the service areas in which Viridian intends to operate that it has demonstrated EDI capability. Pursuant to Puc 2003.04(h), Viridian is required to provide the information requested in Staff's letter on or before March 11, 2016.

Staff believes that Viridian's estimated date for filing proof of completion of EDI training and testing, on or before April 30, 2016, is reasonable. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission approve Viridian's request for a waiver of Puc 2003.04(h) and an extension of its application review period until April 30, 2016.

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