


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM:  Corrine Lemay, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: DM 16-734, Hospital Energy Services, LLC
Withdrawal of Registration as a Natural Gas Aggregator
Staff Recommendation

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director

On April 2, 2020, Hospital Energy Services, LLC (Hospital Energy) filed a request to withdraw its registration as a natural gas aggregator in New Hampshire. In its request, Hospital Energy noted that its business would now operate under a new New Hampshire natural gas aggregator registration issued to its affiliate, Hospital Energy, LLC. Hospital Energy included with its filing a copy of the notice it sent to customers dated April 2, 2020.

Staff in the Consumer Services Division has confirmed that there are no pending customer complaints against Hospital Energy. Staff notes that, under Puc 3003.08(b)(2), the customer notice should have been sent no less than 30 days prior to the request for withdrawal. Staff recommends that a waiver of that rule be granted, under Puc 201.05, because Hospital Energy's existing business will effectively continue to be operated under the registration granted to its affiliate, Hospital Energy, LLC, and customers have been notified of that change.

If that rule waiver is granted, then Hospital Energy will have met all of the conditions for voluntary withdrawal of its natural gas aggregator registration, pursuant to Puc 3003.08. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the rule waiver and approve Hospital Energy's request to withdraw its natural gas aggregator registration, effective as of the date of the letter confirming such approval.

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