

February 18, 2004

MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Standard Offer Bidding Procedure

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
DESIGNATING
STANDARD OFFER
PROVIDER

WELCH, Chairman; DIAMOND and REISHUS, Commissioners

I. SUMMARY

Through this Order, we designate Independence Power Marketing, LLC as a standard offer provider in place of J. Aron and Company.

II. BACKGROUND

On January 21, 2004, we designated J. Aron and Company (J. Aron)¹ as the standard offer provider for 20% of the large non-residential classes in the Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and Bangor Hydro-Electric Company (BHE) service territories. On February 4, 2004, J. Aron filed a letter indicating that it has decided to provide standard offer service through a newly created affiliate, Independence Power Marketing, LLC (Independence). J. Aron requests that the Commission issue an order designating Independence as the standard offer provider in J. Aron's place.

Independence has filed for a competitive electricity provider license that would allow it to provide standard offer service. We have granted that license through an Order issued today. In addition, Goldman Sachs has committed to providing a corporate guarantee to secure in full the obligations of Independence to provide standard offer service. Goldman Sachs offers this increased level of financial security so that there is no detriment to Maine's standard offer customers as a result of the substitution of Independence for J. Aron.

Accordingly, we hereby designate Independence as the standard offer provider for 20% of the large non-residential classes in the CMP and BHE service territories for the six-month term beginning March 1, 2004. In doing so, we accept the J. Aron bidder conditions as applicable to Independence and incorporate them into this Order.

¹ J. Aron is a subsidiary of the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 18th day of February, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Diamond
 Reishus

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2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within **21 days** of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Appellate Procedure.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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