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The Northeast Utilities System

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October 20, 2010

Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re:

DE 10-256

Petition for Adjustment of SCR Charge

Dear Ms. Howland:

As directed by the Commission's Order of Notice dated October 1, 2010 Public Service Company of New Hampshire has caused to be published a legal notice relative to the above-captioned docket. The legal notice appeared in <u>The Union Leader</u> on October 6, 2010.

Enclosed is the required affidavit of publication with a copy of the legal notice attached.

Very truly yours,

Gerald M. Eaton Senior Counsel

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I hereby certify that the legal notice of DOCKET NO: DE-10-256, PO number:X was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at Manchester, NH by the Union Leader Corp. On:

10/06/2010

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough County Subscribed and sworn to before me this

20th day of October, 2010

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DE 10-256
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Petition for 2011 Stranded Cost
Recovery Charge
ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 22, 2010, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a petition for adjustment to its Stranded Cost Recovery Charge (SCRC) for effect with service rendered on and after January 1, 2011. In support of its petition, PSNH filed the testimony of Robert A. Baumann with related exhibits and attachments.

The SCRC recovery mechanism was established pursuant to the Agreement to Settle PSNH Restructuring in Docket No. DE 99-099 (Restructuring Agreement). PSNH stated that the Restructuring Agreement defined PSNH's stranded costs and categorized them into three different parts - Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3. The SCRC recovers costs for all three Parts. The Restructuring Agreement capped the SCRC at an overall average rate of 3.40 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). According to PSNH, Part 3 costs were fully recovered in June 2006. The Restructuring Agreement states that once Part 3 costs are fully recovered, the SCRC will be set on a forecasted basis every six months and will include any over- or under-recoveries of Part 1 and Part 2 stranded costs from the previous period. Part 1 is composed of the Rate Reduction Bond charge, which is calculated to recover the principal, net interest, and fees related to Rate Reduction Bonds. Part 2 costs are "ongoing" stranded costs consisting primarily of the over market value of energy purchased from independent power producers (IPPs) and the amortization of payments previously made for IPP buy-downs and buy-

outs as approved by the Commission.

Pursuant to Docket No. DE 09-179,
Public Service Co. of N.H., Order No.
25.120 (June 28, 2010, PSNH is currently
billing an average SCRC rate of \$0.0120
per kWh for the six-month period from
July 1, 2010 through December 31,
2010. Based on the data available at the
time of the filing of the instant petition,
PSNH provided its preliminary calculation of an average SCRC rate of \$0.0118
per kWh for service rendered on and after
January 1, 2011. PSNH stated that it is
not requesting approval of a specific rate
at this time and that it will update its estimates with more recent data prior to the
hearing on its petition. PSNH attributed

the decrease in the estimated average 2011 SCRC rate to a decrease in the prior year under-recovery of costs, partially offset by lower market prices which, in turn, increased the over-market portion of purchases from the IPPs.

This order and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docket/2010/10-256.htm.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether PSNH's assumptions and estimates of costs and revenues are reasonable and whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 378:8. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent

them at their own expense.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.15 shall be considered; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, PSNH, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow PSNH to provide any amendments or updates to

its filing; and it is

TURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, PSNH shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than October 7, 2010, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 21, 2010; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to PSNH and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 18, 2010, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties,

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and accepted by the successful bidder "AS IS" AND "WHERE IS" and with all faults. Except for warranties arising by operation of law, if any, the conveyance of the Mortgaged Premises will be made by the Mortgagee and accepted by the successful bidder without any express or implied warranties whatsoever, including, without limitation, any representations or warranties with respect to title, possession, permits, approvals, recitation of acreage, hazardous materials and physical condition. All risk of loss or damage to the Mortgaged Premises shall be assumed and borne by the successful bidder immediately after the close of bidding.

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TERMS OF SALE: To qualify to bid, bidders must register to bid and present to the Mortgagee or its agent the sum of Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) in cash or by certified check or other form of payment acceptable to the Mortgagee or its agent prior to the Mortgagee or its agent prior to the commencement of the public auction. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in full by the successful bidder in cash or by certified check within thirity (30) days from the date of the public auction, or on delivery of the foreclosure deed, at the option of the Mortgagee. The deposits placed by unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to those bidders at the conclusion of the public auction. The successful bidder shall execute a Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale immediately after the close of bidding. If the successful bidder fails to complete the purchase of the Mortgaged Premises, the Mortgagee may, at its option, retain the deposit as liquidated damages.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: The Mortgagee reserves the right to (i) cancel or continue the foreclosure sale to such subsequent date or dates as the Mortgagee may deem necessary or desirable (ii) bid upon the purchase the Mortgaged Premises at the foreclosure sale, (iii) reject any and all bids for the Mortgaged Premises and (iv) amend or change the terms of sale set forth herein by announcement, written or oral, made before or during the foreclosure sale. Such change(s) or amendment(s) shall be binding on all bid-

ders.

Other terms to be announced at sale. MTG Finance, LLC present holder of said mortgage, by its Attorneys,

Susan W. Cody Korde & Associates, P.C. 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210 Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 (978) 256-1500 (BFB 10-000143 /Pearson)(10-06-10, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 21, 2010.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this first day of October, 2010.

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

Individual needing assistance or auxiliary communication aids due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, NHPUC, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429; 603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event. (UL – October 6)

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