

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 11-046

ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS, INC. d/b/a NATIONAL GRID NH

2011 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 15, 2011, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH (National Grid NH) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the summer period, May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011, and proposed local delivery adjustment clause (LDAC) charges for the period May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011. Included in the filing were revised tariff pages, and supporting materials for the changed rates. National Grid NH also filed a motion for confidential treatment with respect to certain gas supply-related information. The petition 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/2011/11-046.htm>.

The proposed residential COG rate is \$0.7326 per therm, a \$0.0038 per therm increase from the weighted residential COG rate of \$0.7288 per therm for last summer. The proposed changes to National Grid NH's residential COG rate and LDAC charges, coupled with the increase in base distribution rates approved by Order No. 25,202 (March 10, 2011) in Docket No. 10-017, are expected to increase a typical residential heating customer's summer bill by approximately \$25, or 6.2 percent, compared to last summer.

The proposed commercial/industrial low winter use COG rate is \$0.7256 per therm and the proposed commercial/industrial high winter use COG rate is \$0.7365 per therm. The rate increase for the commercial/industrial customers over the comparable rates for last summer is commensurate with the residential COG rate increase.

The proposed increase in the LDAC rate of \$0.0052 per therm is related to the settlement agreement approved in Order No. 25,202 in Docket No. 10-017, setting National Grid's delivery rates. The settlement allows for the recovery of the difference between the delivery revenues obtained under temporary rates and permanent rates.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA 378 relative to the justness and reasonableness of rates, forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, calculation of indirect gas costs, reconciliation of temporary and permanent delivery rates, purchasing decisions related to the current and past summer supplies and capacity, revenue projections related to transportation services and released capacity, the causes and treatment of over and under recoveries, and the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that National Grid NH, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session on March 29, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to review the petition and allow National Grid NH to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid NH shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 29, 2011, 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 April 14, 2011; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code 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 National Grid NH and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 11, 2011, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code 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 April 14, 2011.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-second day of March, 2011.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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