

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

DE 11-254

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID**

2012 Retail Rate Adjustment Filing

ORDER OF NOTICE

On November 29, 2011, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed its request for approval of retail rate adjustments related to its stranded cost and transmission service charges for effect with service rendered on and after January 1, 2012. In its filing, National Grid calculates that the aggregate impact of the rates proposed for effect January 1, 2012, on a total bill basis compared to rates currently in effect, is a bill increase of \$0.74 per month, from \$92.30 to \$93.04 for a residential customer using 672 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month, which is the average monthly usage over the twelve month period ending October 31, 2011.

The purpose of the stranded cost charge is to recover the Contract Termination Charge (CTC) billed to National Grid by New England Power Company (NEP) in connection with the termination of NEP's all-requirements power contracts with National Grid prior to the advent of retail competition in National Grid's service territory. The Commission approved the applicable recovery mechanism in Granite State Electric Company, Order No. 23,041 (October 7, 1998) 83 NH PUC 532. National Grid stated that it would separately file NEP's 2012 CTC report with the Commission no later than December 1, 2011. At the time of the filing, National Grid proposed to increase the uniform stranded cost charge from the current rate \$0.00020 per kWh to \$0.00080 per kWh for effect January 1, 2012, not including class-specific stranded cost adjustment factor. Once

the CTC report is complete, National Grid said it would update the proposed stranded cost charge prior to the hearing if the final CTC value is different than the value as of the date of the filing.

National Grid's transmission service charge includes costs that National Grid incurs in providing transmission service. Transmission service rates are implemented through separate transmission factors for each rate class. The transmission factors are designed to recover estimated transmission expense during the upcoming calendar year, together with an adjustment for over-or under-recoveries that occurred in the prior period. During 2012, transmission expenses and the adjustment are forecasted to produce an average transmission rate of approximately \$0.01670 per kWh, an increase of \$0.00074 per kWh from the current rate of \$0.01596 per kWh.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2011/11-254.html>.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to the reconciliation of the CTC, the costs included in the increased stranded cost charge and transmission rate, and whether the rate changes and adjustment factors as proposed are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 8. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on December 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

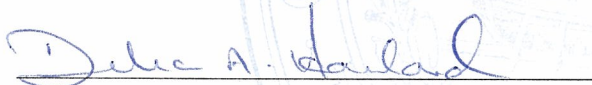
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than December 8, 2011, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions

of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before December 15, 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 and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before December 12, 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 December 15, 2011.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fifth day of December, 2011.


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with:
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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.