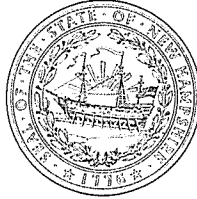


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April 13, 2009

Mark W. Dean, Esquire  
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Re: DE 06-015, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc  
Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Mr. Dean:

On January 13, 2006, you filed a letter on behalf of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) requesting that the Commission initiate a docket pursuant to RSA 378:38 concerning NHEC's 2006 least cost integrated resource plan (LCIRP). In your letter, you acknowledge that NHEC had erroneously discontinued its annual LCIRP filings subsequent to the enactment of legislation that reduced the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction over NHEC. You also requested that "issues concerning the scope and content of that plan" be explored prior to the formal submission of a LCIP.

Discussions have since taken place between you and Staff concerning the status of NHEC's filing. In consideration of a) RSA 378:38-a which authorizes the Commission to "waive any requirement to file least cost integrated resource plans by an electric utility under RSA 378:38, *except for plans relating to transmission and distribution*" (emphasis added); and b) the determinations made in Docket Nos. DE 04-072 (Public Service Company of New Hampshire's 2004 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan), DE 05-098 and DE 07-052 (Granite State Electric Company's 2005 and 2007 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plans), the Commission directs NHEC to file by April 30, 2009, a description of the following:

- NHEC's current least cost planning process for transmission and distribution activities; and
- NHEC's plans for complying with the requirements of RSA 378:38, *et seq.*, on a going-forward basis.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland", written over a horizontal line.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director