

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 06-061

INVESTIGATION INTO ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

Request for Suspension of Tariffs

Order Suspending Tariffs

ORDER NO. 24,990

July 24, 2009

On September 15, 2008, the Commission issued Order No. 24,893 in the above-captioned docket.¹ In the order, the Commission, among other actions, directed the electric distribution utilities—Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid), Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) and Unitil Energy Services, Inc. (UES) to work on a common draft tariff for interconnection of generating sources of up to 10 kVA, and possibly inverter based sources up to 100 kVA, and to file utility-specific tariffs based on the common draft by December 31, 2008. Order No. 24,893 at 8. The Commission directed that the tariffs be based on the Report of the Technical Session of April 24, 2008, which was filed with the Commission on May 13, 2008. The Report of the Technical Session recommended the use of the IEEE 1547 standard for interconnection of sources producing 10 kVA or less consistent with one of the standards the Commission was required to review pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct). Public Law No. 109-58, 119 Stat. 594 (2005).

UES filed its interconnection tariff in compliance with Order No. 24,893 on December 31, 2008. National Grid filed a compliance tariff on January 21, 2009, and PSNH filed its interconnection tariff on January 30, 2009.

¹ See Order No. 24,763 (June 22, 2007) for more information on the procedural history of this docket.

On February 2, 2009, the Commission issued an order suspending the tariff pursuant to RSA 378:6. RSA 378:6, I(b) authorizes the Commission to suspend a tariff for 3 months pending an investigation. The three months expired on May 1, 2009.

Staff filed a letter with the Commission on June 16, 2009, requesting that the Commission further suspend the tariffs. According to Staff, National Grid, PSNH and UES concurred with Staff's request. Staff explained that the companies could not finalize their tariffs until the Commission made a final decision concerning readoption of New Hampshire Code Admin. Rule Puc 900, Rules for Net Metering. An issue to be resolved in those rules was whether interconnected customers would be required to install a disconnect switch.

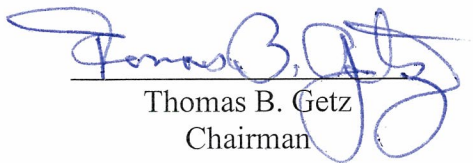
The net metering rule was readopted on July 16, 2009. Accordingly, we will suspend the interconnection tariffs filed by National Grid, PSNH and UES and direct the companies to file a revised tariff to conform to the requirements of Puc 900 as readopted.

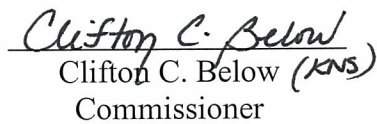
Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the interconnection tariffs filed by Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, Public Service Company of New Hampshire and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. in compliance with Order No. 24,893 are hereby **SUSPENDED**; and it is

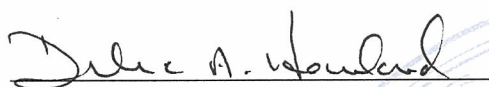
FURTHER ORDERED, that Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, Public Service Company of New Hampshire and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. shall file interconnection tariffs that conform with the requirements of Puc 900 regarding the installation of an disconnect switch and other requirements within 30 days of the date hereof.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fourth day of July, 2009.


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