

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

October 26, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.
Concord, New Hampshire

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RE: DRM 12-190
RULEMAKING:
Steam Rules - Puc 1100.

PRESENT: Commissioner Michael D. Harrington, Presiding
Commissioner Robert R. Scott

Sandy Deno, Clerk

APPEARANCES: (No appearances taken)

Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52
(Transcribed from audio tape)

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P R O C E E D I N G

CMSR. HARRINGTON: Okay. Good morning. Glad we got a big enough room to handle the crowd. Today we are here to consider Steam rules 1000. We are considering approval of the final proposal for readoption without amendment of the Steam rules located in Puc Rules Chapter 1100, and considered in Docket DRM 190 [12-190?]. The Initial Proposal for these rules was approved by the Committee on July 11th, 2012, and then submitted to JLCAR for its review.

Public notice was provided by publication in the Rulemaking Register on October 4th, 2012. And, the single affected steam utility in the state, Concord Steam, has been aware of the proposed readoption without amendment since July, giving their assent to this proposal to leave the rules unchanged.

We have not received any public comments as of yet. And, I see that Concord Steam is in the room today.

Commissioner Scott, do you have any comments?

CMSR. SCOTT: I just want to, kind of a generic problem, and I just want to make sure, even without comments from the public that, you know, it's

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1 incumbent upon the Staff of the Commission here to make
2 sure we're describing as much as possible rules for -- to
3 make sure they're as streamlined as possible and the bang
4 for the buck is there. So, I just want to make sure that
5 we're continuing to do that.

6 And, certainly, for any regulated
7 entities are impacted by our rules, we absolutely rely on
8 you to tell us where things can be made better. So,
9 appreciate any comments that you may have.

10 CMSR. HARRINGTON: And, I just might
11 follow up on that by saying that one of the things we're
12 looking for is value-added or, in some cases, I guess it
13 could be nonvalue-added. So, if there's something here
14 that we're doing simply because we did it last year, and
15 we did it last year because we did it five years ago,
16 those are things we would like to hear about. So, if
17 there's something that is being done for compliance only,
18 without adding value, which I guess, as Commissioner Scott
19 said, has to really rely on the utility to tell us that,
20 because sometimes we're not in a position to actually
21 determine that ourselves.

22 So, do have any comments you would like
23 to make in that regard?

24 MR. BLOOMFIELD: No.

1 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Okay. Well, having
2 no comments from the public, I move for approval to file
3 the proposed readoption of the rules without amendment?

4 CMSR. SCOTT: And, I second.

5 CMSR. HARRINGTON: All in favor?

6 CMSR. SCOTT: Aye.

7 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Aye. So, done, it's
8 approved. And, the hearing is closed. Thank you.

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