

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

DE 13-167

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism

ORDER OF NOTICE

On June 6, 2013, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a letter stating that it will file a petition for approval of a new transmission cost adjustment mechanism (TCAM) rate to be effective on a service rendered basis on and after July 1, 2013. The Commission established the TCAM pursuant to a settlement agreement approved in Order No. 24,750 (May 25, 2007) in Docket No. DE 09-035, PSNH's most recent distribution rate case.

PSNH is requesting approval of a forecasted retail transmission rate to be effective July 1, 2013 for a twelve-month billing period, as well as approval of the reconciliation of actual transmission costs and recoveries for the calendar year 2012. While PSNH states that it does not currently have a calculation of the proposed rate, PSNH estimates that the overall average rate will vary from the current overall average TCAM rate of 1.359 cents per kilowatt hour. The petition states that on or around June 14, 2013, when complete information is available on wholesale transmission rates in effect on and after June 1, 2013, PSNH will file testimony and exhibits in support of its proposed rate. Such testimony shall incorporate actual data for revenues and expenses through May 2013 with projections of transmission costs through June 2014. PSNH will also file rate design testimony describing its proposed rates and charges for customers in each rate class. PSNH seeks final approval of its proposed TCAM rate change early in the week of June 24 to allow for implementation of a July 1, 2013 change in rates.

In addition to the proposed adjustment to the TCAM rate, PSNH made the following filings which will also have rate adjustments proposed for July 1, 2013: a mid-term adjustment to its stranded cost recovery charge rate in Docket No. DE 12-291; a mid-term adjustment to its energy charge rate in Docket No. DE 12-292; and a step adjustment to distribution rates that includes an adjustment to the (1) major storm cost reserve, (2) renewable default energy service, and (3) certain consultant costs in Docket No. DE 13-127.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 375:8; whether PSNH's reconciliation and forecasted costs are reasonable; and whether the proposed class specific rates are reasonable and consistent with prior Commission orders. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

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/Docketbk/2013/13-167.html>.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

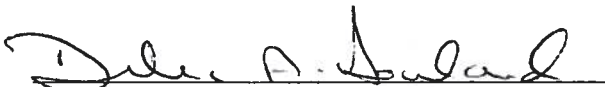
ORDERED, that a Hearing, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on June 20, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, PSNH shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than June 13, 2013, 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 June 18, 2013; 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 PSNH and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 18, 2013, 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 June 20, 2013.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this seventh day of June, 2013.


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: DEBRA A HOWLAND
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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.
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