

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

DE 13-177

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

2013 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

ORDER OF NOTICE

On July 3, 2013, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) pursuant to RSA 378:38 and Order No. 25,459 (January 29, 2013) in Docket No. DE 10-261. Order No. 25,459 required PSNH to file its next LCIRP on or before September 3, 2013. In addition, in Order No. 25,459, the Commission exercised its authority under RSA 378:38-a to waive any requirement for PSNH to file a LCIRP except as the LCIRP relates to the areas of transmission and distribution. Consistent with the waiver, the LCIRP filed by PSNH is limited to the subjects of transmission and distribution planning.

PSNH's LCIRP addresses the following distribution issues: (1) the methodology PSNH used to develop an engineering forecast to estimate peak system load; (2) the development of a plan to construct electric facilities based on peak load requirements in different areas of its service territory; (3) joint planning activities with Unitil Energy Services, Inc. and the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; (4) conservation and load management measures; (5) distributed generation; and (6) PSNH's reliability enhancement program. The LCIRP also describes the transmission planning that takes place at the regional level and PSNH's participation in the formation of the regional system plan.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any 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/2013/13-177.html>.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to whether PSNH's planning process for transmission and distribution is adequate as defined by the requirements set forth in RSA 378:38 and 378:39. 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 a Prehearing Conference, 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 July 24, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15 shall be considered; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, PSNH, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow PSNH to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; 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 July 16, 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 July 22, 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 July 22, 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 July 24, 2013.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eleventh day of July, 2013.



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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.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.