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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Subject: DG 13-261 - 2013-2014 Winter Period Cost of Gas Adjustment
Affidavit of Publication filing per Order of Notice issued 09/20/13

Dear Ms. Howland:

New Hampshire Gas Corporation hereby encloses for filing the affidavit of publication demonstrating that the Order of Notice in the above referenced docket was published in *The Keene Sentinel* on September 28, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian R. Maloney".

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I, Diane Farmer, hereby certify that a legal
advertisement for New Hampshire Gas Corp. appeared
in THE KEENE SENTINEL (daily) on September 28, 2013
RE: 13-261 NHGC Winter COG

Diane Farmer
Advertising Representative

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, SS.

October 1, A.D. 2013

Subscribed and sworn to by the said Diane Farmer

Before, me, Linda M. Flagg
NOTARY PUBLIC

LINDA M. FLAGG, Notary Public
My Commission Expires 09/09/2014
State of New Hampshire

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

DG 13-261

**NEW HAMPSHIRE GAS
CORPORATION**

**2013-2014 Winter Period
Cost of Gas Adjustment**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 19, 2013, New Hampshire Gas Corporation (NHGC), a public utility providing propane air service to approximately 1,110 customers in Keene, New Hampshire, filed revisions to its tariff providing its cost of gas (COG) rates for the winter period, November 1, 2013, through April 30, 2014. The proposed COG rate is \$1.6785 per therm, a \$0.1783 per therm increase from the weighted average COG rate of \$1.5002 per therm for last winter. NHGC also proposed a \$1.6985 per therm rate for its fixed price option program (FPO) (a \$0.02 per therm premium over the non-FPO rate). Order No. 25,039 (October 30, 2009), issued in Docket No. DG 09-038, approved an increase in NHGC delivery rates to be phased in over three years, with a deferred revenue surcharge to take effect on November 1, 2012. The purpose of the deferred revenue surcharge is to collect, over a 24-month period, the difference between the amounts that would have been collected over the first two years of increased NHGC delivery rates if maximum approved rates were applied, and the amounts actually billed to customers. As part of this COG proceeding, NHGC proposes a deferred revenue surcharge of \$0.0617 per therm for all customers for the period November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014, a reduction of \$0.0099 from last year's deferred revenue surcharge of \$0.0716.

The cumulative effect of these COG adjustments for a typical residential heating customer, including the deferred revenue surcharge, is that this winter's gas bill is expected to be \$1,589 compared to a total bill of \$1,499 for last winter, an increase of approximately \$90.59, or 6.0 percent. NHGC also requests a waiver from New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 1203.05, in order to implement the rate change on a bills-rendered

basis. 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/Docket/bk/2013/13-261.html>

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to the reasonableness of rates and charges pursuant to RSA 378, including forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, operational issues and reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues, and the justness and reasonableness of the deferred revenue surcharge and related calculations. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a hearing on NHGC's 2013-2014 winter COG filing be held before the Commission located at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 21, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, NHGC shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 30, 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 October 16, 2013; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. 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 NHGC and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 16, 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. 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 Octo-

ber 21, 2013.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twentieth day of September, 2013.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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