

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

DG 15-155

VALLEY GREEN NATURAL GAS, LLC

Petition for Franchise Approval

ORDER OF NOTICE

On May 15, 2015, Valley Green Natural Gas, LLC, of Hanover, New Hampshire (Valley Green) filed a petition to provide gas utility service in Hanover and Lebanon with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission). 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 www.puc.nh.gov.

In its petition, Valley Green outlines its proposal for providing re-gasified liquefied natural gas (LNG) through a pipeline distribution system to customers in Hanover and Lebanon. Valley Green submits the pre-filed testimony of: James W. Campion, IV (President, Valley Green); Kenneth H. Stanley (President and CEO of TRI-MONT Engineering Co., Valley Green's engineering consultant); Jonathan W. Carroll (Senior Director of Marketing and Business Development of Gulf Oil Limited Partnership, Valley Green's proposed LNG supplier); and Scott Brown (CEO of New Energy Capital Partners, L.L.C., Valley Green's proposed primary equity investor). Through this testimony, Valley Green provides an overview of its financial, managerial, engineering, and supply plans for this proposed new gas utility, as defined by RSA 362:2 and 362:4-b.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA Chapter 374, specifically, RSA 374:1, whether Valley Green would be in a position to furnish reasonably safe and adequate, and in all

other respects just and reasonable, gas service and facilities in Hanover and Lebanon, including all aspects of engineering, safety, and adequacy of LNG supply; RSA 374:2, whether Valley Green would be in a position to offer its proposed service at just and reasonable charges to customers in Hanover and Lebanon; RSA 374:8 and 374:13, whether Valley Green keeps, and will continue to keep, accounts and records in the form prescribed by the Commission; RSA 374:22, granting the Commission the power to review and approve Valley Green's franchise petition, and RSA 374:26, whether approval of Valley Green's franchise petition would be for the public good, and whether terms and conditions for the franchise privilege should be applied for the public interest by the Commission; RSA 374:30, and whether a proposed contract for the operation and maintenance of Valley Green's works and system by Gulf Oil Limited Partners would be for the public good; RSA 374:33, whether acquisition of the equity stock of Valley Green by New Energy Capital Partners, L.L.C., would be lawful, proper, and in the public interest; RSA Chapter 378, specifically, whether Valley Green's proposed rates and tariffs would be filed in conformance with the Commission's regulations, and would be just and reasonable; RSA 378:37, whether the proposal by Valley Green comports with the New Hampshire Energy Policy; RSA 371:17, and whether Valley Green would be required to petition the Commission for a license to cross public waters within its proposed franchise territory, as part of its construction of its distribution network. 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 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.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; and it is

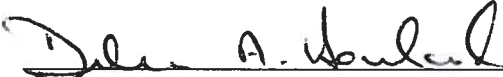
FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Valley Green, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow Valley Green to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Valley Green shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than July 10, 2015, 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 24, 2015; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Valley Green and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before July 24, 2015, 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 28, 2015.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this sixth day of July,
2015.


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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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.