

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

DG 09-168

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 16, 2009, New Hampshire Gas Corporation (NHGC), a public utility providing propane air service to approximately 1,000 customers in Keene, New Hampshire, filed revisions to its tariff providing for its cost of gas (COG) rates for the winter period, November 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. The proposed COG rate is \$1.3202 per therm, a \$0.4145 per therm decrease from the weighted average COG rate of \$1.7347 per therm for last winter. NHGC also proposed a \$1.3402 per therm rate for its fixed price option program. 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/2009/09-168.htm>.

On April 1, 2009, NHGC filed for an increase in delivery rates and a hearing on the proposed increase is scheduled for November 24, 2009. Without accounting for a Commission decision on NHGC's proposed delivery rate increase, the proposed COG rate will result in a typical residential heating customer's winter bill of approximately \$1,250, a decrease of \$350, or 14 percent, compared to last winter's bill. In addition, NHGC has requested a waiver from New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rule Puc 1203.05, in order to implement the rate change on a bills-rendered basis.

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. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a hearing on NHGC's 2009/2010 winter COG filing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 22, 2009 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 25, 2009, 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 22, 2009; 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 19, 2009, 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 October 22, 2009.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighteenth day of
September, 2009.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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