

**DE 05-164**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Proposed Transition Energy Service and Default Energy Service Rate**

**Order Establishing Procedural Schedule**

**ORDER NO. 24,631**

**June 8, 2006**

On May 26, 2006, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request for an interim adjustment of its Energy Service (formerly known as Default Service) rate effective on July 1, 2006. PSNH seeks a decrease in the rate from the current 9.13 cents per kilowatt-hour to 8.50 cents per kilowatt-hour. Reflected in the proposed rate is a \$40 million over-recovery, accumulated through Energy Service charges paid from February through June of 2006, that PSNH proposes to credit to Energy Service customers over an 18-month period.

In Order No. 24, 579 (January 20, 2006) establishing the current Energy Service rate, the Commission agreed that any interim Energy Service rate change should take place on August 1, 2006. However, PSNH is concurrently seeking in Docket No. DE 06-078 a downward adjustment to its Stranded Cost Recovery Charge, effective on July 1, 2006, to reflect the full recovery of its Part 3 stranded costs (i.e., those stranded costs for which the Company assumed some risk of non-recovery at the time it entered into the Agreement to Restructure PSNH, approved by the Commission in 2000). Further, in Docket No. DE 06-028, a rate proceeding covering PSNH's Delivery Service rates, the Company has sought a temporary rate increase for effect on July 1, 2006. PSNH proposes that the Energy Service, Stranded Cost, and Delivery Service charges all change on the same date.



**FURTHER ORDERED**, that, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin Rules Jus 807.03(a)(5), each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense; and

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that, pending readoption of the Commission's procedural rules, N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 200, Jus 800 Model Rules of Practice and Procedure shall apply to this proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A:30-a.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighth day of June, 2006.

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Thomas B. Getz  
Chairman

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Clifton Below  
Commissioner

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Graham J. Morrison  
Commissioner

Attested by:

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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director & Secretary