

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

DE 08-097

ORDER OF NOTICE

The Commission has opened this docket to review and consider (i) the 2008-2009 program year budgets and sales forecasts filed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Granite State Electric company d/b/a National Grid, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Community Action Program Belknap—Merrimack Counties, Inc., and the State of New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning in connection with the statewide low income electric assistance program (EAP) originally established pursuant to Order No. 23,980 (2002), (ii) the EAP Advisory Board's recommendation that the Commission increase the low income portion of the system benefits charge to 1.5 mills per kilowatt hour effective October 1, 2008, the start of the 2008-2009 program year, pursuant to RSA 374-F: 4, VIII(c) and (iii) the status of implementation of the various EAP programmatic recommendations approved in Order Nos. 24,795 (October 24, 2007) and 24,820 (January 30, 2008). Among the issues to be considered is the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rate increase and the proposed budgets.

The electric utilities identified above are made mandatory parties to this proceeding and participation by the members of the EAP Advisory Board is requested. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

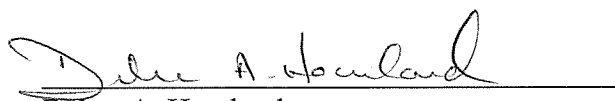
ORDERED, that, in accordance with the Commission's authority under RSA 365, 378 and 541-A, a hearing regarding the above-referenced matters be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on September 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Executive Director shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 10, 2008, in a newspaper with general circulation in the state, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before September 23, 2008; 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 Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Granite State Electric company d/b/a National Grid, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, other members of the EAP Advisory Board and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before September 18, 2008, 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 September 23, 2008.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fourth day of September, 2008.


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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