

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

**DE 08-149**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On November 20, 2008, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed a request for approval of retail rate adjustments and reconciliations related to National Grid's stranded cost charge and transmission service charge for effect with service rendered on and after January 1, 2009. In its filing, National Grid calculates that the aggregate impact of the rates proposed for January 1, 2009 on a total bill basis, as compared to rates in effect today, is a bill increase of \$2.83 per month, from \$77.75 to \$80.58, or 3.64%, for a typical residential customer using 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month.

The purpose of the stranded cost charge is to recover the Contract Termination Charge (CTC) billed to National Grid by New England Power Company (NEP) in connection with the termination of NEP's all-requirements power contracts with National Grid prior to the advent of retail competition in National Grid's service territory. The Commission approved the applicable recovery mechanism in *Granite State Electric Company*, Order No. 23,041, 83 NH PUC 532, (October 7, 1998). National Grid stated that it would separately file NEP's 2009 CTC report with the Commission no later than December 1, 2008. At the time of the filing, National Grid proposed to decrease the uniform stranded cost charge from 0.050 cents per kWh to a credit of 0.010 cents per kWh, not including the stranded cost adjustment factors. Once the CTC report is complete, National Grid stated it may file a revised uniform stranded cost rate.

National Grid's transmission service charge includes costs that National Grid incurs in providing transmission service. Transmission service rates are implemented through separate

transmission factors for each rate class. The transmission factors are designed to recover estimated transmission expense during the upcoming calendar year, together with an adjustment for over- or under-recoveries that occurred in the prior period. During 2009, transmission expenses are forecasted to produce an average transmission rate of approximately 1.573 cents per kWh, an increase of 0.594 cents per kWh over the current rate of 0.979 cents per kWh.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to the reconciliation of the CTC, the costs included in the increased transmission rate, and whether the rate changes and adjustment factors as proposed are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378. 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, pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.12, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on December 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than December 2, 2008, 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 December 16, 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 National Grid and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before December 11, 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 December 16, 2008.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fifth day of November, 2008.

  
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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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