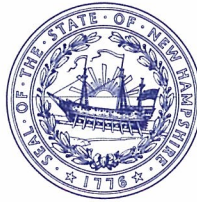


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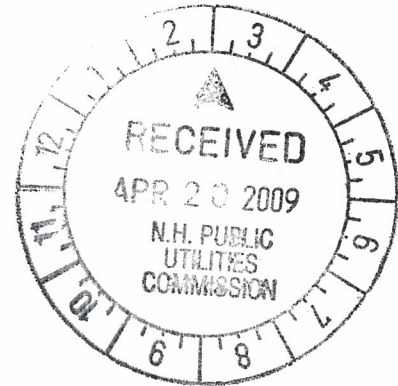
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Debra Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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RE: DG 09-038 NH Gas Corporation – Rate Case

Dear Ms. Howland:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Commission that the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) intends to participate in the above-referenced matter in a limited fashion, as our limited resources allow, on behalf of residential ratepayers consistent with RSA 363:28.

In an effort to notify the Commission and the Parties of our specific interests in the case, we provide the following list of issues of particular concern. At this time, the OCA intends to focus on topics including the company's declining block rate structure, energy efficiency programs for customers, the company's cost of capital, the company's consideration of an LNG facility, and depreciation. We reserve our rights to change our focus as needed.

Please add ocalitigation@oca.nh.gov to your email service list. Please also add Meredith Hatfield, Ken Traum and Stephen Eckberg to your service list. Please also include the OCA on the distribution list for any Memoranda or Staff Recommendations filed in this docket. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Hatfield".

Meredith A. Hatfield
Consumer Advocate

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cc: Service List via electronic mail

