

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 30, 2009

TO: Commissioners *FAR*
FROM: F. Anne Ross, Hearing Examiner
RE: DE 09-186 Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Proposed Renewable Default Energy Service Rate



HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT

At your request, I presided over the October 26, 2009 prehearing conference in the above referenced case.

On September 30, 2009, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed its proposed renewable default energy service rate with supporting testimony of Rhonda J. Bisson and Richard C. Labrecque. On October 9, 2009 the Commission issued Order No. 25,026 suspending the tariff and setting a prehearing conference for October 26, 2009. On October 15, 2009, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) indicated by letter that it would be participating in this docket and on October 22, 2009 Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid petitioned to intervene (National Grid).

Appearances

Gerald M. Eaton for PSNH
Meredith A. Hatfield for OCA
Suzanne G. Amidon for Commission Staff

Intervention Requests

National Grid stated in its petition that it is also required to offer its customers one or more renewable default service options and that any rulings in this docket involving PSNH's renewable default service options may impact National Grid's rights, duties and interests as well as those of its customers. National Grid indicated that it does not intend to submit testimony or cross-examine witnesses and asked that it be granted intervenor status in order to receive all orders, filings and correspondence in this docket. National Grid reserved the right to expand its participation at a later date if it deemed it necessary. National Grid did not appear at the prehearing conference and there were no objections to National Grid's request for intervention.

Technical Session

By letter of October 27, 2009, Staff reported that the parties met in a technical session following the prehearing conference and explored the potential for a settlement. Staff requested Commission approval of an agreed upon procedural schedule that assumed a settlement would be reached.

Recommendations

I recommend that National Grid be granted intervention without condition.

I recommend that the Commission approve the proposed procedural schedule.

By  _____
F. Anne Ross, Hearing Examiner