THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 11-133

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism

ORDER OF NOTICE

On June 9, 2011, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a petition for approval of a new transmission cost adjustment mechanism (TCAM) rate to be effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2011. The Commission established the TCAM pursuant to a settlement agreement approved in Order No. 24,750 (May 25, 2007) 92 NH PUC 124. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at http://www.puc.nh.gov.

PSNH is requesting recovery of transmission costs forecasted from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. PSNH is also seeking approval of the reconciliation of transmission expenses and revenues for the calendar year 2010. According to the petition, PSNH currently has not calculated a TCAM rate but expects that the overall average TCAM rate for the period beginning July 1, 2011 will not be the same as the current overall average rate of 1.501 cents per kilowatt hour. According to PSNH, on June 13, 2011 PSNH will file direct testimony and exhibits which will incorporate actual data for revenues and expenses through May 2011 and projections of transmission costs through June 2012. In the same filing, PSNH will describe the rates and charges PSNH proposes to apply to each rate class of customers.

In addition to the proposed adjustment to the TCAM rate, PSNH made the following filings which also have rate adjustments proposed for July 1, 2011: a mid-term adjustment to its stranded cost recovery charge rate in Docket No. DE 10-256; a mid-term adjustment to its energy service charge in Docket No. DE 10-257, and a request for rate recovery of February 2010 wind storm expenses in Docket No. DE 11-082. The hearings on these matters are scheduled for June 23, 2011 in the following order: stranded cost recovery charge (DE 10-256); energy service (DE 10-257); TCAM (DE 11-133) and rate recovery of wind storm expenses (DE 11-082).

The filing raises, <u>inter alia</u>, issues related to whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 378:8; whether PSNH's reconciliation and forecasted costs are reasonable and whether the proposed class specific rates are reasonable and consistent with prior Commission orders. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Hearing, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on June 23, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, PSNH shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than June 15, 2011, 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 June 23, 2011; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code 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 PSNH and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 21, 2011, 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. Code 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 June 23, 2011.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this tenth day of June, 2011.

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Executive Director

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