

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

DG 12-270

CONCORD STEAM CORPORATION

2012-2013 Cost of Energy Adjustment

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 12, 2012, Concord Steam Corporation (Concord Steam), a public utility supplying steam service to approximately 100 commercial and institutional customers and one residential customer in Concord, filed its annual cost of energy (COE) rate for the period November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013. The filing includes certain production costs historically included in delivery rates, costs that Concord Steam has excluded in its proposed increase in delivery rates (Docket No. DG 12-242). The proposed COE rate is \$20.90 per Mlb, is an increase of \$3.43 per Mlb when compared to the projected weighted average COE rate of \$17.47 per Mlb for the year ending October 31, 2012, resulting in an increase of approximately 3 to 3 ½% in an average customer's total bill. Without a corresponding decrease in the proposed delivery rates, the proposed COE rate would increase an average customer's total bill by approximately 10%. 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/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-270.html>

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to the forecast of sales, wood and fossil fuel supply and transportation costs, estimated wood yard operations expenses, purchasing decisions related to current and past annual fuel supplies, the causes and treatment of over and under recoveries, prior period costs and revenues, the reasonableness of Concord Steam's proposed

inclusion of certain production costs historically included in delivery rates in COE rate recovery, the status of Concord Steam's new plant project, and the justness and reasonableness of the proposed COE rate. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

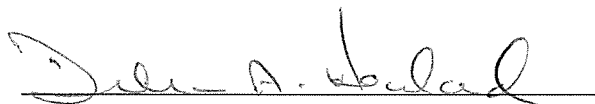
ORDERED, that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Concord Steam shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 27, 2012, 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 October 23, 2012; 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 Concord Steam and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 18, 2012, 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 October 23, 2012.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twentieth day of
September, 2012.

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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

Individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication aids due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, NHPUC, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429; 603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.

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Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND
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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.