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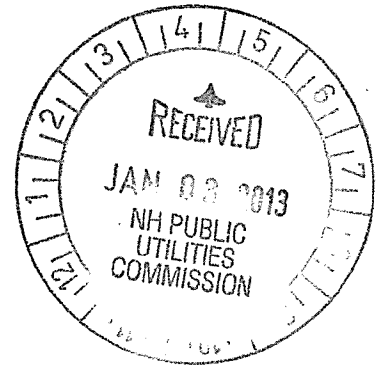
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January 3, 2013

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State of New Hampshire
Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Delivery Service Tariff NHPUC No. 8 Effective January 1, 2013

Dear Ms. Howland:

In compliance with the Commission's Order No. 25,447 dated December 28, 2012 in Docket No. DE 12-291 (Petition for Adjustment of Stranded Cost Recovery Charge – Order Granting Adjustment to Stranded Cost Recovery Charge); Order No. 25,448 dated December 28, 2012 in Docket No. DE 12-292 (Proposed Default Energy Service Rate for 2013 – Order Approving 2013 Energy Service Rate); and Secretarial letter dated December 31, 2012 in Docket No. DE 12-262 (CORE Electric and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs – Program Continuation beyond December 31, 2012), the following tariff pages are transmitted herewith:

NHPUC No. 8 - Electricity Delivery
Public Service of New Hampshire

1st Revised Page 19A

2nd Revised Page 97

4th Revised Page 72

5th Revised Pages 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 52, 55, 59, 62, 66, 67, 76 and 83

6th Revised Page 94

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In its Order No. 25,447 the Commission approved an overall average decrease of 1.143 cents per kilowatt-hour to PSNH's Stranded Cost Recovery Charge rate (from 1.88 cents per kilowatt-hour to 0.737 cents per kilowatt-hour) effective January 1, 2013. In its Order No. 25,448 the Commission approved an increase of 2.43 cents per kilowatt-hour to PSNH's Energy Service rate effective January 1, 2013 (from 7.11 cents per kilowatt-hour to 9.54 cents per kilowatt-hour). Overall, assuming all customers take service under PSNH's Default Energy Service rate, these rate changes would result in an annual revenue increase of approximately \$98.6 million or 8.6 percent.

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In lieu of filing black-lined tariff pages denoting the rate changes, PSNH has enclosed a report entitled "Summary of Rates Effective July 1, 2012 and January 1, 2013" which compares the currently effective rates (January 1, 2013) with the rates previously in effect by rate component and rate schedule so that the rate changes can be easily identified by rate schedule.

Supplemental Information on the Filing

The enclosed "Summary of Rates Effective January 1, 2013" report shows, by rate class and rate component, all rates and charges in PSNH's tariff. In addition, we have enclosed a schedule of "Typical Bill Comparisons" based on the previous rates and the new rates. The Residential Delivery Service Rate R monthly bill for 500 kilowatt-hours (with no water heating), previously \$86.36, will increase to \$92.43 on January 1, 2013, an increase of \$6.07 or 7.0 percent.

Revision to Tariff page for Smart Start Energy Efficiency Program Rate SSP

In addition to the rate changes described above, a Secretarial letter dated December 31, 2012 in Docket No. DE 12-262 authorized continuation of the Smart Start Program Rate SSP beyond the current expiration date until a decision is rendered on the energy efficiency programs presented at hearing. As a result, PSNH is filing 2nd Revised Page 97 removing the December 31, 2012 expiration date for new installations. Removing the date will eliminate the need to revise this page each time the program is reauthorized. A black-lined copy of this tariff page has been included in this filing.

Customer Notification

A message will be placed on customers' bills rendered on or after January 1, 2013 informing them of the rate changes. In addition, an article describing the rate changes in greater detail will be placed in PSNH's "Living with Energy" bill insert and will be included with customers' bills rendered on or after February 1, 2013.

Please let us know if there are any questions concerning this filing. We are sending one signed original copy of all filing materials and three conformed copies. We request that one conformed copy bearing the Commission's date-of-receipt stamp be returned.

Very truly yours,



Lois B. Jones
Team Lead, Rates Department

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Enclosures
cc: Susan Chamberlin, OCA