

DE 00-105

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment Clause

Order Approving Small Power Producer Rates

O R D E R    N O.    23,592

December 1, 2000

On September 22, 2000 Public Service Company of New Hampshire filed a letter with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission stating its belief that pursuant to the Conformed Settlement Agreement (DE 99-099) and Commission Order No. 23,549, no additional approvals are necessary in order to continue collecting the current Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause (FFPAC) rate authorized by Order No. 23,506 (June 6, 2000). In addition, PSNH stated its intent to file revised short-term rates for payment to small power producers for effect December 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001. That filing was received from PSNH on October 13, 2000. On October 18, 2000, PSNH filed a revised table of short-term rates for small power producers correcting an error in its October 13, 2000 letter.

On October 25, 2000, the Commission sent an executive letter agreeing with PSNH's interpretation of the continuation of the current FPPAC rates. In addition, the Executive Director's letter stated that the Commission would

review PSNH's request for approval of short-term rates for payment to small power producers separately.

The information included with PSNH's October 13, 2000 filing of short-term small power producer rates is insufficient for a thorough review of the accuracy of the proposed rates. We will require PSNH to file with this Commission within 15 days of the issuance of this order, back-up data and calculations for the schedules provided on October 13, 2000 and a full description of the methodology used to calculate the short-term rates, highlighting any differences from the calculation of short-term avoided energy costs used in past PSNH FPPAC filings.

Since new rates are required for December 1, 2000, the rates PSNH filed in its October 18, 2000 letter will be approved subject to change following Commission review.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED,** that the following short-term rates for purchases from small power producers by PSNH:

On-peak energy	1.990 cents per kWh
Off-peak energy	1.850 cents per kWh
All hours energy	1.904 cents per kWh
Capacity	2.40 dollars per kW-month

are approved subject to change following Commission review;  
and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED,** that PSNH shall file with this Commission on or before December 15, 2000 data to fully substantiate its short-term rates.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this first day of December, 2000.

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Douglas L. Patch  
Chairman

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Susan S. Geiger  
Commissioner

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Nancy Brockway  
Commissioner

Attested by:

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Thomas B. Getz  
Executive Director and Secretary