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**CONCORD ELECTRIC COMPANY AND
EXETER & HAMPTON ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**Fuel Adjustment Clause and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause,
Short-Term Power Purchase Rates for Qualifying Facilities, and
Administrative Service Charge**

Interim Order Approving Charges

O R D E R N O. 23,611

December 28, 2000

APPEARANCES: LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae by Scott Mueller, Esq. for Concord Electric Company and Exeter & Hampton Electric Company; Michael Holmes, Esq. for the Office of Consumer Advocate, Pierce Atwood by Kevin F. Gordon for Osram Sylvania Products, Inc., and Tracy Guyette, Henry Bergeron, and Paul Tessier for the Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

On December 19, 2000, a hearing was held at the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission for the Fuel Adjustment Clause, Purchase Power Adjustment Clause, Short-Term Purchase Power Rates for Qualifying Facilities, and Administrative Service Charge petitions which were filed with the Commission on December 1, 2000 by Exeter and Hampton Electric Company and Concord Electric Company (jointly the Companies). We will approve the Companies' tariffs as filed with one exception at this time. First, we will accept Staff's recommendation of \$4.00 per kilowatt-month for the Qualifying Facility short-term capacity rate. We will provide the Companies the opportunity to present their own calculation of short-term

avoided capacity costs and direct the Companies to file their calculated rates along with workpapers for Commission review on or before January 17, 2001. In addition, we direct the Companies to begin work on their billing systems to implement bills on a service-rendered basis. The Companies have informed us that due to the labor involved service-rendered bills cannot be available for January 1, 2001. We trust that the Companies' estimate of 5 weeks is accurate and therefore will not order bills on a service-rendered basis for January 1, 2001. We direct the Companies to implement the change to their billing systems as soon as possible. If the changes are not completed by February 5, 2001, a report detailing progress to date and an estimated completion date will be filed by the Companies with the Commission on or before February 5, 2001.

Various parties provided comments to the Commission, and the Commission raised additional concerns during the hearings on this matter. The filings represent a substantial increase in costs to customers of Exeter and Hampton Electric Company and of Concord Electric Company, much of which can be ascribed to the rise in fuel prices for electric generation. A more extensive order addressing the issues raised by the filing will be issued shortly.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the tariff NHPUC No. 12, Twenty-second Revised Page 20, Nineteenth Revised Page 20A, Fourteenth Revised Page 20B, Sixteenth Revised Page 22, Seventeenth Revised page 24, Fourth Revised page 26-I, and Sixteenth Revised Page 47, except for the short-term capacity rate for Qualifying Facilities which shall be \$4.00 per kilowatt-month, for Concord Electric Company are approved; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Tariff NHPUC No. 17, Twenty-second Revised Page 20, Nineteenth Revised Page 20A, Fourteenth Revised Page 20B, Sixteenth Revised Page 22, Seventeenth Revised page 24, Fourth Revised page 26-I, and Sixteenth Revised Page 47, except for the short-term capacity rate for Qualifying Facilities which shall be \$4.00 per kilowatt-month, for Exeter and Hampton Electric Company are approved; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Exeter and Hampton Electric Company and Concord Electric Company implement changes to their billing systems to base billings for fuel adjustment and purchase power adjustment clauses on a service-rendered rather than a bills-rendered basis as set forth in the within Order; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Companies shall file a compliance tariff with the Commission on or before January 18,

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2001 in accordance with N.H. Admin. Rules, Puc 1603.02(b).

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New
Hampshire this twenty-eighth day of December, 2000.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Thomas B. Getz
Executive Director and Secretary