

DW 01-030

BODWELL WASTE SERVICES CORP.

Petition for Rate Increase

**Order Suspending Proposed Permanent Rate Schedule
and Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference**

O R D E R N O. 23,678

April 13, 2001

On April 5, 2001, Bodwell Waste Services Corporation (Bodwell) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposed rate schedules and supporting documentation which, if approved, would result in a permanent rate increase of approximately 43 percent and an increase in Bodwell's annual revenue from \$65,085 to \$93,256. Bodwell is a sewer utility serving 417 customers in adjoining areas of Manchester and Londonderry. Under the proposal, each customer's annual rate would increase from \$154.88 to \$223.64. The Company has not requested a temporary rate increase.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to operation and maintenance expenses, fuel expenses, the timing and inclusion of rate base additions, debt service, all of which require a thorough investigation.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Bodwell Waste Services Corporation's Third Revised Page 8 is hereby suspended pending a full investigation; and

it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference be held before the Commission located at 8 Old Suncook Road, Concord, New Hampshire on May 10, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary summary of its position with regard to the Petition. Absent objection five days before the prehearing, the Prehearing Conference will be recorded on tape rather than by a stenographer; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Bodwell, the Staff of the Commission and the Intervenors hold a First Technical Session to review the Petition and allow the Petitioner to provide any updates or amendments to its filing as well as prepare a proposed procedural schedule governing the remainder of the proceeding; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01, Bodwell notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by (1) publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than April 25, 2001, in a newspaper of general circulation in that portion of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before May 10, 2001, and (2) sending a copy of this Order of Notice to each customer of record by April 25, 2001 via first class U.S. Mail, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission an original and eight copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Bodwell Waste Services Corp. and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before May 7, 2001, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.02 (a)(2); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene file said Objection on or before May 10, 2001.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirteenth day of April, 2001.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Thomas B. Getz
Executive Director and Secretary