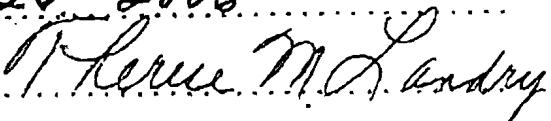


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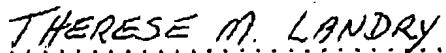
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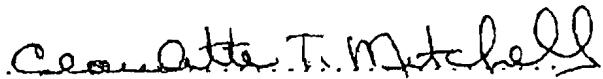
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Oct. 5, 2006

Subscribed and sworn to by the said .



Before me,

CLAUDETTE T. MITCHELL, Notary Public
My Commission Expires April 19, 2011

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DE-06-126

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 8, 2006, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a petition to establish the Default Energy Service (Energy Service rate) for bills rendered on or after January 1, 2007. Pursuant to RSA 369-B.3 (M&U)(A), customers who take Energy Service from PSNH will be billed at a rate equal to PSNH's actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing the power, as approved by the Commission.

According to the petition, PSNH's cost for Energy Service contains the generation need, revenue requirements, adjustments, purchased power obligation and fuel rates associated with PSNH's generation as well as costs and resources from market purchases and sales of electricity and independent System Operator - New England (ISO-NY) expenses and revenues. PSNH states that the generation revenue requirements include non-fuel costs of generation, including non-fuel operation and maintenance costs, allocated administrative and general costs, depreciation, property taxes and payroll taxes, and a return on its net book future investment.

PSNH currently estimates an Energy Service rate of \$0.0934 per kilowatt-hour for effect on January 1, 2007. PSNH states that this change would reflect an average increase of 0.7% over rates assuming the current Energy Service rate of \$0.0918 per kilowatt-hour remains unchanged for the remainder of calendar year 2006. However, consistent with prior Energy Service rate proceedings, PSNH indicates that the company will formally propose a rate and provide a rate calculation based on updated market information, prior to the finalized hearing in November 2006. PSNH also proposes to implement the new Energy Service rate for all customers on a bill-to-billed basis, consistent with the methodology used for all such rate changes in prior years.

PSNH also addresses in its petition the design of an anti-gaming proposal as requested by the Commission in Order No. 24,664, Docket No. DE 06-104. PSNH states that gaming occurs when a supplier uses PSNH as a backup or hedge for its energy needs during those months when the marginal cost of energy is at its highest. To avoid such gaming by suppliers, PSNH proposes a mechanism whereby any customer who is taking power from a competitive supplier will then return to Energy Service from PSNH would be precluded from taking service from the same competitive supplier for a period of six months from the date that the customer resumes taking Energy Service from PSNH. PSNH recommends that an anti-gaming mechanism is not necessary at this point, because the company has not observed a prevalence of actions which it would consider gaming.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the Energy Service rate is based on PSNH's actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing such power consistent with RSA 369-B.3(V)(B)(1); whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable as required by RSA 479:6 and 8; whether PSNH should apply the new rate on a bill-to-billed basis; and whether the anti-gaming mechanism is reasonable and in the public interest. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Pearl St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 8, 2006 at 2:00 p.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.18(a) which be considered; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, PSNH, the Staff of the Commission and any intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow PSNH to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.12, PSNH shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 26,

2006 or before October 2, 2006, such Person having the right to demand that his or her rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 341-A:82.1 and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make and object on or before October 9, 2006.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire, this twentieth day of September, 2006.

Debra A. Hinshaw
Executive Director & Secretary
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RJL - Sept. 26