STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	
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NEW HAMPSHIRE GAS)	
CORPORATION)	
)	DG 09-038

MOTION FOR WAIVER OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

The New Hampshire Gas Corporation ("NHGC" or the "Company"), in accordance with Puc Rule 201.05 hereby moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") to waive certain of the Puc Chapter 1600 rules in order to avoid the imposition of an unreasonable burden and to minimize rate case expense. In support of this Motion, NHGC states:

1. For the reasons set forth below, NHGC seeks as waiver of the following requirements of Puc Rule 1604.01(a) with regard to its filing of a general rate case, which is the subject of a Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules dated February 27, 2009:

1604.01(a)(2) -- <u>Annual Reports to Shareholders</u> -- The Company seeks a waiver of Puc Rule 1604.01(a)(2) because NHGC is not publicly traded and does not file Annual Reports to Shareholders.

1604.01(a)(7) – Most Recent Cost of Service Study – The Company seeks a waiver of Puc Rule 1604.01(a)(7) on the basis that a cost of service study would be costly to customers and unreasonably burdensome to perform in light of the amount of the requested increase in relation to the cost of a study.

 $1604.01(a)(10) - \underline{\text{SEC } 10\text{K}}$ – The Company seeks a waiver of Puc Rule 1604.01(a)(10) on the basis that it does not file a 10K.

1604.01(a)(12) -- Management Audit and Depreciation Studies -- The Company seeks a waiver of Puc Rule 1604.01(a)(12) on the basis that this requirement would be costly for customers and unreasonably burdensome to perform in light of the amount of the requested increase in relation to the cost of a study.

1604.01(a)(13) – Copies of Audits Referred to in (12) not submitted – The Company seeks a waiver of Puc Rule 1604.01(a)(13) for the same reason as in 1604.01(a)(12), above.

1604.01(a)(15) -- <u>Details of Voting Stock Owned by Officers</u> -- The Company seeks a waiver of Puc Rule 1604.01(a)(15) on the basis that NHGC's parent company, Energy East Corporation, is the sole shareholder.

1604.01(a)(23) – <u>Sinking Funds Details</u> – The Company seeks a waiver of Puc Rule 1604.01(a)(23) on the basis that NHGC does not have debt or sinking funds.

1604.01(a)(24) – Short-term debt details – The Company seeks a waiver of Puc Rule 1604.01(a)(24) on the basis that NHGC does not have short-term debt.

1604.01(a)(25) – All Items Requested by this Section for Parent Company – The Company seeks a waiver of Puc Rule 1604.01(a)(24) on the basis that the Company is providing a certificate detailing the expenses of the parent company which were included in the subsidiary's cost of service, as required by Puc 1604.01(a)(26).

1604.01(a)(27) –<u>A.G.A. Uniform Statistical Report</u> – The Company seeks a waiver on Puc Rule1604.01(a)(27) on the basis that NHGC does not prepare or submit this document to the AGA.

2. NHGC's request for waiver of the Puc Rule 1604.01(a) requirements specified above is in the public interest because compliance with these provisions would

be unnecessarily burdensome and would result in unnecessary added rate case expense.

Moreover, granting this request will not disrupt the orderly proceeding of the

Commission.

3. NHGC also seeks a waiver of Puc Rule 1203.02(a) which requires utilities to "send to each of its customers a clear and concise statement of the rate schedules applied for and indicate which schedules are applicable to that customer" within 30 days from the date of the rate filing. The cost of providing such a mailing to each NHGC's 1,131 customers would be prohibitive and would significantly increase the Company's rate case expense. The Company projects the printing and mailing costs would approximate \$4,000 for this effort. The Company believes that it can provide sufficient notice to its customers of the proposed rate increase through display ads in local newspapers such as the Keene Sentinel and publication of the Order of Notice. Because of these other significant efforts to publicize the Company's proposed rate increase, the Company believes that the intent of Puc Rule 1203.02(c) will be achieved while avoiding the additional rate case expense associated with individual customer mailings. For these reasons, the Company believes that a waiver of Puc Rule 1203.02(c) is appropriate and in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, NHGC respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Grant this Motion for Waiver of Certain Provisions of Puc Rule

1203.02(c) and 1604.01(a); and

2. Grant such other relief as may be just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW HAMPSHIRE GAS CORPORTION.

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