

Via Overnight Mail

April 1, 2009

Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301



Re: EnergyNorth d/b/a National Grid NH Summer Cost of Gas Proof of Publication-Docket DG 09-050

Dear Ms. Howland:

In accordance with the Order of Notice issued on March 20, 2009, in Docket DG 09-050, enclosed please find National Grid's Affidavit of Publication and the tear sheet from the Union Leader. The notice was published on March 26, 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

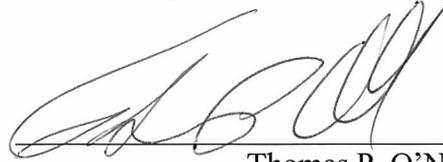
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Thomas P. O'Neill

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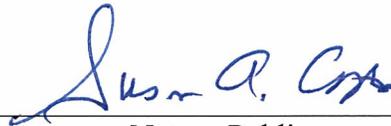
AFFIDAVIT of NOTICE and PUBLICATION

I, Thomas P. O'Neill, Senior Counsel, hereby certify that notice and publication of the Order of Notice, issued on March 20, 2009, has been made and given as directed.



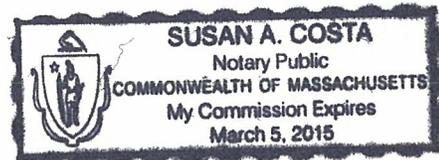
Thomas P. O'Neill

On this 1st day of APRIL, 2009, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared THOMAS P. O'NEILL, whose identity is personally known to me and is the person whose name is signed on this document, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: MARCH 5, 2015



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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DG 09-050**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 16, 2009, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH (EnergyNorth) filed with the Commission its proposed COG rates for the period May 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 (2009 Summer Season). Included in the filing were revised tariff pages and supporting materials for the changed rates. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docket/2009/09-050.htm>.

The proposed residential COG rate is \$0.6722 per therm, a \$0.5924 per therm decrease from the weighted residential COG rate of \$1.2646 per therm for last summer. The estimated impact of the proposed firm sales COG and current LDAC rate on a typical residential heating customer's summer bill is a decrease of approximately \$186, or 46%, compared to last summer.

The proposed commercial/industrial low winter use COG is \$0.6707 per therm and the proposed commercial/industrial high winter use COG is \$0.6727 per therm. The rate increase for the commercial/industrial customers over the comparable 2008 Summer Season rates is commensurate with the residential COG rate increase.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA 378 relative to the justness and reasonableness of rates, forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, purchasing decisions related to the current and past summer supplies and capacity, the causes and treatment of any over and under recoveries, the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues, and rate impacts.

Additional issues in this docket held over from prior dockets include the question of whether the mechanism that allows monthly changes in the COG rate without further Commission action should be adjusted to allow greater flexibility and whether and how the issues related to EnergyNorth's occupant account policy originally raised in docket No. DG 07-129 should be resolved. 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 Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that EnergyNorth,

Staff of the Commission and any intervenors hold a technical session at the Commission on March 27, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, EnergyNorth shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 26, 2009, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 9, 2009; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to EnergyNorth and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 6, 2009, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32, I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before April 9, 2009.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twentieth day of March, 2009.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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(UL - Mar. 26)

I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was published in The Union Leader and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at Manchester, N.H., by the Union Leader Corporation on the following dates, Viz: *March 26, 2009*

(Signed) *Nathalie Lavallee* ...

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State of New Hampshire,
Hillsborough, SS.

(Dated) *March 27, 2009*

Subscribed and sworn to by the said *Nathalie Lavallee* ...

Before me

Marsha A. McGinnis
Notary Public
State of New Hampshire
My Commission Expires 04/19/2011