

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DG 10-048

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 15, 2010, New Hampshire Gas Corporation (NHGC) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariff providing for its Cost of Gas (COG) rates for the period May 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010 (2010 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/2010/10-048.htm>.

The proposed COG rate is \$1.6796 per therm, a \$0.4800 per therm increase from the weighted residential COG rate of \$1.1996 per therm for last summer. The estimated impact of the proposed COG rate and increase in delivery rate and rate case expense surcharge on a typical residential heating customer's summer gas costs will be an increase of \$211, or 31% compared to last summer.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to: RSA 378 and the justness and reasonableness of rates, fares, and charges; the reasonableness of sales forecasts, supplier prices, and transportation prices; reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues; the causes and treatment of a prior period over recovery; and rate impacts resulting from the proposed rate changes. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

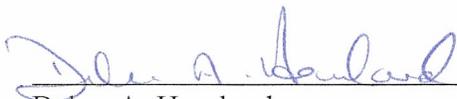
ORDERED, that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 14, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, NHGC shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 23, 2010, 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 14, 2010; 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 NHGC and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 9, 2010, 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 14, 2010.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this seventeenth day of March, 2010.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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