

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 10-051

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 15, 2010, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH (National Grid NH) filed with the Commission its proposed COG rates for the period May 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010 (2010 Summer Season) and proposed modifications to its hedging policy. Included in the filing were revised tariff pages, revised Natural Gas Price Risk Management Plan, and supporting materials for the changed rates and hedging policy. 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/2010/10-051.htm>.

The proposed residential COG rate is \$0.7784 per therm, a \$0.1678 per therm increase from the weighted residential COG rate of \$0.6106 per therm for last summer. The estimated impact of the proposed firm sales COG and current delivery and LDAC rates on a typical residential heating customer's summer bill is an increase of approximately \$59, or 17%, compared to last summer.

The proposed commercial/industrial low winter use COG is \$0.7778 per therm and the proposed commercial/industrial high winter use COG is \$0.7788 per therm. The rate increase for the commercial/industrial customers over the comparable 2009 Summer Season rates is commensurate with the residential COG rate increase.

The proposed hedging policy reduces the amount of hedging, adopts an alternative methodology in determining the amount to hedge, eliminates the financial hedging of storage gas and provides for recovery of the cost of collateral required for hedging transactions.

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, rate impacts, the costs and risks associated with hedging and whether the proposed amendments to the hedging program are appropriate. 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 Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that National Grid NH, Staff of the Commission and any intervenors hold a technical session at the Commission on March 29, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid NH 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 8, 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 National Grid NH and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on

or before April 5, 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 8, 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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