

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

**DE 10-122**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On May 3, 2010, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a petition seeking authority to issue up to \$600 million in principal amount of long-term debt through December 31, 2012; to mortgage its property in connection with the issuance of long-term debt; to enter into interest rate transactions to manage interest risk; to engage in long-term borrowing pursuant to an unsecured revolving credit agreement; and to extend its current short-term debt limit of 10% of net fixed plant plus a fixed amount of \$60 million. With its petition, PSNH filed supporting testimony and exhibits. In addition, PSNH filed a motion for an extension of time to file information required by N.H. Code Admin Rule 308.11(b)(2) with respect to its new unsecured revolving credit agreement until such time as the final terms and conditions are available. In support of its motion, PSNH said that it expects the final terms and conditions of the new unsecured revolving credit agreement to be available on or before July 1, 2010 which will provide for timely review and consideration by the parties to this proceeding.

PSNH stated that as of March 31, 2010 it had approximately \$16.2 million of short-term debt which was incurred to fund working capital requirements and capital expenditures. PSNH said that it also uses short-term debt to finance the recent storm recovery as well as generation, distribution and transmission system expenditures. According to the petition, PSNH's current short term-debt limit approved by the Commission is ten percent of net fixed plant plus \$60 million, or approximately \$214 million as of March 31, 2010.

PSNH stated that it will use the proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt to refinance its short-term debt, fund working capital expenditures and pay for issuance costs. The exact financing structure, terms and conditions, amount, documentation and coupon rate of the long-term debt will be determined at the time of the issuance depending on market conditions. PSNH said the long-term debt may be in the form of first mortgage bonds, debt secured by first mortgage bonds, or unsecured notes, and may carry either a fixed or floating rate, and may be sold to either retail or institutional investors in either the public or private markets. The long-term debt may also be issued to PSNH's parent, Northeast Utilities or issued under the new unsecured revolving credit agreement.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to RSA 369, the proposed uses of the funds and whether the issuance of up to \$600 million of long-term debt, the mortgaging of property, the execution of interest rate transactions and an extension of the increase in PSNH's short-term debt limits are in the public good. 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. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on June 29, 2010 at 1:30 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 203.15 shall be considered; and it is

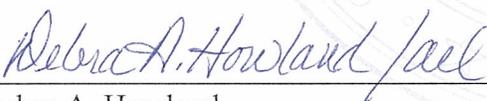
**FURTHER ORDERED**, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, PSNH, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow PSNH to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules 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 June 10, 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 June 29, 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 PSNH and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 24, 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 June 29, 2010.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this first day of June, 2010.



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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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