

Docket No. DE 10-160
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Investigation into Customer Migration Issue
December 1, 2010 Hearing (Day 2)

Exhibit 15

Hearing Record Request: The Commission asked that the Staff inquire with the Maine PUC as to whether there are mechanisms in place for supplemental power being put out to bid, with related citations. In addition, the Commission asked for copies of RFPs that aren't generally available on the Maine PUC website.

Response:

The Maine power solicitation process asks bidders to provide full requirements for standard offer service. The Maine restructuring law (codified at 35-A M.R.S.A §§ 3210-C, 3210-D) directed the Maine PUC to direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into long-term contracts for capacity resources and associated energy. The Maine PUC adopted rules to implement the law (Chapter 316). Chapter 316 provides that the Commission solicit bids through the issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) that contains all standards, procedures and requirements for the long-term contract solicitation process, as well as a standard form contract. The RFPs and related documents are posted on the website at www.maine.gov/mpuc.

The Maine law does not include solicitation for supplemental power requirements.

Under the Maine law, utilities that retained long-term power supply contracts with independent power producers at the time of electric industry restructuring were required to "divest" the energy and capacity associated with such contracts through an RFP process. That process was separate from the standard offer solicitation process and does not impact the full service requirements RFPs described above.