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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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6 RE: DE 10-256  
7 PUBLIC SERVICE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:  
8 Petition for Adjustment of Stranded  
9 Cost Recovery Charge.  
10 (Prehearing conference)

11 PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. Getz, Presiding  
12 Commissioner Clifton C. Below  
13 Commissioner Amy L. Ignatius  
14 Sandy Deno, Clerk

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2 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Okay. Good morning,  
3 everyone. We'll open the prehearing conference in Docket  
4 DE 10-256. On September 22nd, 2010, Public Service  
5 Company of New Hampshire filed a petition for adjustment  
6 of its Stranded Cost Recovery Charge for effect with  
7 service rendered on or after January 1, 2011. PSNH  
8 currently bills an average Stranded Cost Recovery rate of  
9 1.2 cents per kilowatt-hour. And, its preliminary  
10 calculation of the SCRC for the period beginning  
11 January 2011 is 1.18 cents per kilowatt-hour. I'll note  
12 for the record that the affidavit of publication has been  
13 filed.

14 And, can we take appearances please.

15 MR. EATON: For Public Service Company  
16 of New Hampshire, my name is Gerald M. Eaton. And, with  
17 me is Michael Hall of the Legal Department of Northeast  
18 Utilities Service Company.

19 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Good morning.

20 MR. HALL: Thank you. I'm Michael Hall.

21 MS. HATFIELD: Good morning,  
22 Commissioners. Meredith Hatfield, for the Office of  
23 Consumer Advocate, on behalf of residential ratepayers.  
24 And, with me for the office is Ken Traum.

1 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Good morning.

2 MS. AMIDON: Good morning. Suzanne  
3 Amidon, for Commission Staff. With me today is Steve  
4 Mullen, who is the Assistant Director of the Electric  
5 Division. He's to my immediate left. And, to his left is  
6 Grant Siwinski, an Analyst with the Electric Division.

7 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Good morning. Mr.  
8 Eaton, a statement of the Company's position?

9 MR. EATON: Yes, your Honor. We filed a  
10 petition with the testimony of Mr. Baumann supporting a  
11 currently estimated rate of 1.18 cents per kilowatt-hour  
12 for effect on January 1st, 2011. It's been calculated in  
13 the customary manner, and includes the elements that have  
14 been included in the Stranded Cost Recovery Charge in past  
15 filings. It is an annual charge, but the Company will  
16 file exhibits and updates in the middle of the year, in  
17 case there needs to be an adjustment calculated for  
18 July 1st, as has been done in the past.

19 We plan to work with the parties to come  
20 up with an agreed upon rate that we will have at the  
21 hearing on the merits, and we will update our numbers with  
22 the most recent information we have just before the  
23 hearing in December. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Thank you. Ms.

1 Hatfield.

2 MS. HATFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
3 The OCA has no position on the proposed stranded cost rate  
4 at this time. We will work with the Company and the Staff  
5 to review the Company's filing. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Thank you. Ms. Amidon.

7 MS. AMIDON: Staff has no position on  
8 the filing at this time. But, during the course of  
9 discovery, we hope to be able to make a recommendation to  
10 the Commission by the time the hearing is scheduled in  
11 December.

12 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Okay. Is there anything  
13 further we need to address this morning?

14 (No verbal response)

15 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Hearing nothing, then we  
16 will close the prehearing conference, await a  
17 recommendation with respect to the procedural schedule in  
18 this docket, and take the matter under advisement.

19 (Whereupon the prehearing conference  
20 ended at 10:12 a.m. and a technical  
21 session was held thereafter.)

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