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RE: DE 10-257
PUBLIC SERVICE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:
2011 Proposed Default Energy Service
Rate. (Prehearing conference)

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. Getz, Presiding
Commissioner Clifton C. Below
Commissioner Amy L. Ignatius

Sandy Deno, Clerk

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Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52

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CHAIRMAN GETZ: Good morning once again. We'll open the prehearing conference in Docket DE 10-257. On September 22nd, 2010, Public Service Company of New Hampshire filed a petition to establish its Default Energy Service rate for effect with service rendered on and after January 1, 2011. PSNH provided its preliminary calculation of the Energy Service rate of 8.68 cents per kilowatt-hour for effect on January 1. We issued an order of notice on October 1 setting the prehearing conference for today. And, I'll note that the affidavit of publication has been filed.

So, let's take appearances.

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

CHAIRMAN GETZ: Good morning.

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

CHAIRMAN GETZ: Good morning.

MS. AMIDON: Good morning. Suzanne

1 Amidon, for Commission Staff. With me today is Steve
2 Mullen, the Assistant Director of the Electric Division.
3 He's to my immediate left. And, to his left is Grant
4 Siwinski, an Analyst with the Electric Division.

5 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Good morning. Well, Mr.
6 Eaton, a statement of the Company's position?

7 MR. EATON: Yes. We have filed
8 testimony and exhibits supporting a Energy Service rate
9 for 2011. It's based upon an annual rate of 8.68 cents,
10 which is a reduction of 0.1 cents from the current rate.
11 This is a preliminary rate, and we will recalculate it,
12 based upon our discussions with Staff and the Office of
13 Consumer Advocate, and with the most up-to-date figures
14 just before the hearing.

15 Again, we will file an update in May of
16 this year, and, if necessary, petition the Commission for
17 an interim change on July 1st of 2011.

18 The rate was calculated in a manner that
19 was done in the past. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Thank you. Ms.
21 Hatfield.

22 MS. HATFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23 The OCA has no position on the proposed rate at this time,
24 but we will work with the Company and Staff and undertake

1 discovery in the case. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Thank you. Ms. Amidon.

3 MS. AMIDON: Thank you. Staff has no
4 position as yet. We've begun to develop questions for
5 discovery, and we'll have, after this prehearing
6 conference, we'll propose a procedural schedule, which
7 will include opportunities for testimony and an updated
8 filing right before the hearing, and a hearing for
9 December 21st.

10 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Thank you. Anything
11 further this morning?

12 (No verbal response)

13 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Hearing nothing, then we
14 will close the prehearing conference and await a
15 recommendation as to a schedule in this docket. Thank
16 you.

17 (Whereupon the prehearing conference
18 ended at 11:05 a.m. and a technical
19 session was held thereafter.)
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