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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

October 26, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.  
Concord, New Hampshire

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RE: **DRM 12-190**  
**RULEMAKING:**  
*Steam Rules - Puc 1100.*

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Michael D. Harrington, Presiding  
Commissioner Robert R. Scott

Sandy Deno, Clerk

**APPEARANCES:** (No appearances taken)

Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52  
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**P R O C E E D I N G**

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2 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Okay. Good morning.  
3 Glad we got a big enough room to handle the crowd. Today  
4 we are here to consider Steam rules 1000. We are  
5 considering approval of the final proposal for readoption  
6 without amendment of the Steam rules located in Puc Rules  
7 Chapter 1100, and considered in Docket DRM 190 [12-190?].  
8 The Initial Proposal for these rules was approved by the  
9 Committee on July 11th, 2012, and then submitted to JLCAR  
10 for its review.

11 Public notice was provided by  
12 publication in the Rulemaking Register on October 4th,  
13 2012. And, the single affected steam utility in the  
14 state, Concord Steam, has been aware of the proposed  
15 readoption without amendment since July, giving their  
16 assent to this proposal to leave the rules unchanged.

17 We have not received any public comments  
18 as of yet. And, I see that Concord Steam is in the room  
19 today.

20 Commissioner Scott, do you have any  
21 comments?

22 CMSR. SCOTT: I just want to, kind of a  
23 generic problem, and I just want to make sure, even  
24 without comments from the public that, you know, it's

1 incumbent upon the Staff of the Commission here to make  
2 sure we're describing as much as possible rules for -- to  
3 make sure they're as streamlined as possible and the bang  
4 for the buck is there. So, I just want to make sure that  
5 we're continuing to do that.

6 And, certainly, for any regulated  
7 entities are impacted by our rules, we absolutely rely on  
8 you to tell us where things can be made better. So,  
9 appreciate any comments that you may have.

10 CMSR. HARRINGTON: And, I just might  
11 follow up on that by saying that one of the things we're  
12 looking for is value-added or, in some cases, I guess it  
13 could be nonvalue-added. So, if there's something here  
14 that we're doing simply because we did it last year, and  
15 we did it last year because we did it five years ago,  
16 those are things we would like to hear about. So, if  
17 there's something that is being done for compliance only,  
18 without adding value, which I guess, as Commissioner Scott  
19 said, has to really rely on the utility to tell us that,  
20 because sometimes we're not in a position to actually  
21 determine that ourselves.

22 So, do have any comments you would like  
23 to make in that regard?

24 MR. BLOOMFIELD: No.

1 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Okay. Well, having  
2 no comments from the public, I move for approval to file  
3 the proposed readoption of the rules without amendment?

4 CMSR. SCOTT: And, I second.

5 CMSR. HARRINGTON: All in favor?

6 CMSR. SCOTT: Aye.

7 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Aye. So, done, it's  
8 approved. And, the hearing is closed. Thank you.

9 **(End of audio tape.)**

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