

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

**DG 12-284**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE GAS CORPORATION**

**2012-2013 Winter Period Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On September 24, 2012, New Hampshire Gas Corporation (NHGC), a public utility providing propane air service to approximately 1,110 customers in Keene, New Hampshire, filed revisions to its tariff providing for its cost of gas (COG) rates for the winter period, November 1, 2012, through April 30, 2013. The proposed COG rate is \$1.5017 per therm, a \$0.6236 per therm decrease from the weighted average COG rate of \$2.1253 per therm for last winter. NHGC also proposed a \$1.5217 per therm rate for its fixed price option program (FPO) (a \$0.02 per therm premium over the non-FPO rate). Order No. 25,039 (October 30, 2009), issued in Docket No. DG 09-038, approved an increase in NHGC delivery rates to be phased in over three years, with a deferred revenue surcharge to take effect on November 1, 2012. The purpose of the deferred revenue surcharge is to collect, over a 24-month period, the difference between the amounts that would have been collected over the first two years of increased NHGC delivery rates if maximum approved rates were applied, and the amounts actually billed to customers. As part of this COG proceeding, NHGC proposes a deferred revenue surcharge of \$0.0716 per therm for all customers, for the November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013 period.

The cumulative effect of these COG adjustments, including the deferred revenue surcharge, for a typical residential heating customer is that this winter's gas bill is expected to be \$2,500 compared to a total bill of \$3,015 for last winter, a reduction of approximately \$514, or

17.1%. In addition, NHGC has requested a waiver from New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 1203.05, in order to implement the rate change on a bills-rendered basis. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-284.html>.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to the reasonableness of rates and charges pursuant to RSA 378, including forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, operational issues and reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues, and the justness and reasonableness of the deferred revenue surcharge and related calculations. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at the party's own expense.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that a hearing on NHGC's 2012-2013 winter COG filing be held before the Commission located at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 23, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, NHGC shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than October 5, 2012, 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 October 23, 2012; 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 NHGC and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 18, 2012, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges,

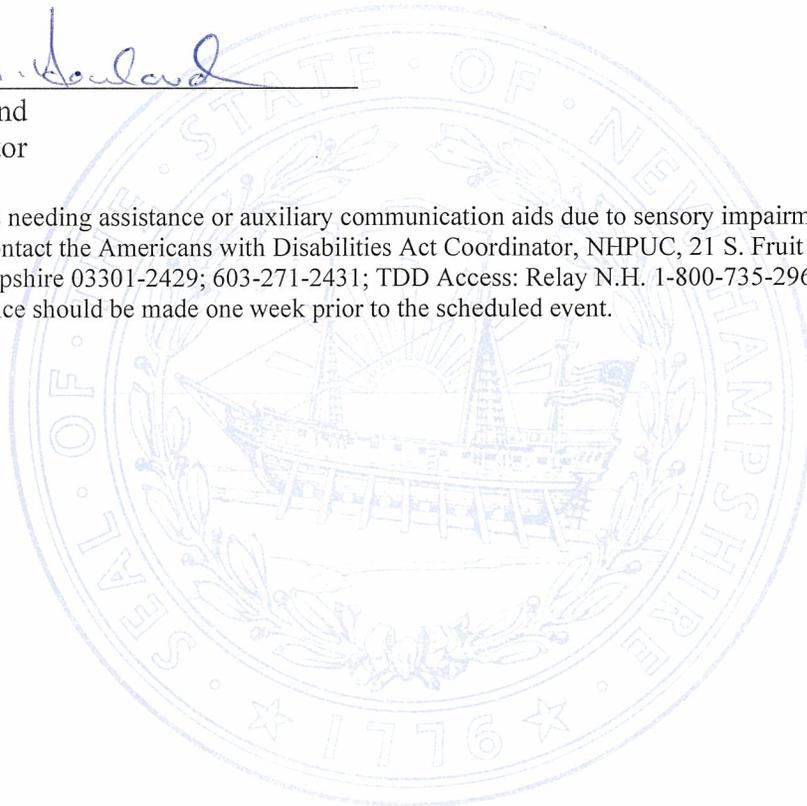
immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 23, 2012.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-eighth day of September, 2012.

  
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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND  
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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.