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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
State of New Hampshire
Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: **DE 13-177**
2013 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Ms. Howland:

As directed by the Commission's Order of Notice dated July 18, 2013 Public Service Company of New Hampshire has caused to be published a legal notice relative to the above-captioned docket. The legal notice appeared in The Union Leader on July 24, 2013.

Enclosed is the required affidavit of publication with a copy of the legal notice attached.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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I here by certify that the legal notice : (770060) **State of NH/DE 13-177** was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader.

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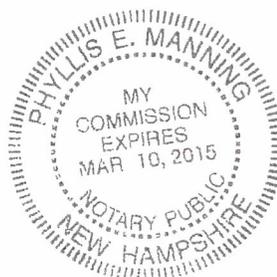
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State of New Hampshire
Hillsborough County

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this

5 day of August, 2013.

Phyllis E Manning
Notary Public



Legal Notice

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DE 13-177
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE
2013 Least Cost Integrated Resource
Plan
ORDER OF NOTICE**

On July 3, 2013, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) pursuant to RSA 378:38 and Order No. 25,459 (January 29, 2013) in Docket No. DE 10-261. Order No. 25,459 required PSNH to file its next LCIRP on or before September 3, 2013. In addition, in Order No. 25,459, the Commission exercised its authority under RSA 378:38-a to waive any requirement for PSNH to file a LCIRP except as the LCIRP relates to the areas of transmission and distribution. Consistent with the waiver, the LCIRP filed by PSNH is limited to the subjects of transmission and distribution planning.

PSNH's LCIRP addresses the following distribution issues: (1) the methodology PSNH used to develop an engineering forecast to estimate peak system load; (2) the development of a plan to construct electric facilities based on peak load requirements in different areas of its service territory; (3) joint planning activities with Unitil Energy Services, Inc. and the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; (4) conservation and load management measures; (5) distributed generation; and (6) PSNH's reliability enhancement program. The LCIRP also describes the transmission planning that takes place at the regional level and PSNH's participation in the formation of the regional system plan.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website

<http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2013/13-177.html>.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to whether PSNH's planning process for transmission and distribution is adequate as defined by the requirements set forth in RSA 378:38 and 378:39. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission, located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on September 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15 shall be considered; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, PSNH, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenor hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow PSNH to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, PSNH shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than August 8, 2013, 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 September 16, 2013; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code 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 PSNH and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before September 17, 2013, 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. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32.1(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before September 19, 2013.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighteenth day of July, 2013.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director