

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

DE 14-134

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Petition for Approval of Change in Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism

ORDER OF NOTICE

On May 21, 2014, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a Petition for approval of a change in its Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism (TCAM) rate to be effective on a service-rendered basis on and after July 1, 2014. The Commission established the TCAM pursuant to a settlement agreement approved in Order No. 24,750 (May 25, 2007) in a prior PSNH distribution rate case.

Pursuant to Order No. 24,750, PSNH requests approval of a forecasted retail TCAM rate to be effective July 1, 2014 for a twelve-month billing period, as well as approval of the reconciliation of actual transmission costs and recoveries for calendar year 2013. While PSNH does not currently have a calculation of the proposed rate, PSNH estimates that the overall average rate will vary from the current overall average TCAM rate of 1.714 cents per kilowatt hour.

According to the Petition, PSNH will have complete information on wholesale transmission rates on or around June 11, 2014 and will file testimony and exhibits in support of its proposed rate. This testimony will incorporate actual data for revenues and expenses through April 2014 with projections of transmission costs through June 2015. PSNH will also file rate design testimony describing its proposed rates for charges for each rate class of customers.

PSNH is seeking final approval of its proposed TCAM rate change by the end of the week of June 23 to allow for implementation of July 1, 2014 change in rates.

In addition to the proposed adjustment to the TCAM rate, PSNH filed a request to modify its average stranded cost recovery charge (DE 13-274) and its energy service rate (DE 13-275) for effect July 1, 2014. The hearing in DE 13-274 is scheduled for June 24, 2014 and 10:00, the hearing in DE 13-275 is scheduled for 10:30 on June 24, 2014, and the hearing in the instant docket will also take place on June 24, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 378:7, whether PSNH's reconciliation and forecasted costs are reasonable and whether the proposed class-specific rates are reasonable and consistent with prior Commission orders. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

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 www.puc.nh.gov.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Hearing, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on June 24, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.; 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 June 3, 2014, 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 June 20, 2014; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, 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 June 20, 2014, 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,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before June 24, 2014.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-seventh day of May, 2014.



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:**
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- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.**