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GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID

Tariff Revision Regarding Daylight Saving Time for 2007

Order Suspending Tariff

ORDER NO. 24,694

November 1, 2006

On October 3, 2006, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (Granite State) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposed revisions to the company's tariff regarding changes to the definition of peak and off-peak hours. The proposed revisions are in response to a provision in the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct). As a result of these changes, beginning in March 2007, daylight saving time will occur three weeks earlier in the spring, and one week later in the fall. Granite State explained that all of the internal clocks in the company's meters are programmed to the current daylight saving time, and the company estimates that it would incur approximately \$161,000 in expense to reprogram the meters. Granite State indicated that Congress reserved the right to revert to the present daylight saving time schedule in 2008, and that if Congress did reverse its decision, the company would incur an additional expense of \$161,000.

On October 30, 2006, Staff filed a letter with the Commission stating that Staff had discussed this tariff change with Granite State but had several unresolved issues regarding the tariff. Staff recommended that the Commission suspend the tariff for 30 days to allow Staff to conduct a thorough review of Granite State's proposed tariff revision.

We have reviewed the letter and find it reasonable to suspend the tariff pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(a) for 30 days to permit Staff to complete its investigation. The changes to daylight saving time contemplated by the EAct do not occur until March, 2007, and allowing 30 days for Staff to complete its review is reasonable and in the public interest, and will not unduly delay Granite State's implementation of tariff changes.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, the tariff revision proposed by Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid regarding daylight saving time for the calendar year 2007 is suspended for 30 days.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this first day November, 2006.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Graham J. Morrison
Commissioner

Clifton C. Below
Commissioner

Attested by:

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary