

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

DE 12-295

PNE ENERGY SUPPLY, LLC d/b/a POWER NEW ENGLAND

**Petition for Review of Public Service Company of New Hampshire Service Charges to
Competitive Electric Suppliers**

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On December 13, 2013, the Commission issued Order No. 25,603 (Order) following a merits hearing in the above-captioned docket. The scope of the docket was to determine whether the Commission should conduct a review of the reasonableness of certain approved tariff charges separate from a review of PSNH's revenue requirements in the context of a full rate case. The charges at issue are the Selection Charge, the Billing and Payment Services Charge and the Collection Services Charge (collectively the Competitive Supplier Charges) that Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) bills to competitive energy power suppliers (CEPS).

In the Order, the Commission concluded that the Billing and Payment and Collection charges were based on an embedded cost-of-service, and that the Selection Charge was established at the advent of competition without the benefit of a cost study, and that it would be appropriate at this time to determine PSNH's incremental cost of providing these services to Competitive Suppliers. Consequently, the Commission ordered PSNH to conduct an incremental cost analysis for the Competitive Supplier Charges outside of the conduct of a full distribution rate case. The Commission also concluded that it is appropriate to schedule a prehearing conference and temporary rate hearing for the Competitive Supplier Charges. The temporary rate hearing will establish the Competitive Supplier Charges on a temporary basis until such time as PSNH completes the incremental cost study. Based on the results of PSNH's incremental cost study

which shall be filed in this docket, together with other evidence produced in this docket, the Commission will evaluate the need to adjust any of those Competitive Supplier Charges.

As previously found by the Commission in the original order of notice (November 21, 2012) in this proceeding, PSNH qualifies as an intervenor pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and continues to be a necessary party to this docket. In addition, parties granted intervention in the first phase of DE 12-295 shall continue as intervenors in this phase of the proceeding without the need to file new petitions.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether it is appropriate to establish temporary rates pursuant to RSA 378:27 and whether the results of the incremental cost study or other evidence warrant any rate adjustment to provide just and reasonable rates as required by RSA 378:7, or require any additional action by the Commission. 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 and a Hearing on temporary rates, 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 January 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference and Hearing, PSNH, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review and develop a procedural schedule for the permanent rate portion of this proceeding; 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 December 19, 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 January 3, 2014; 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 January 3, 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 January 8, 2014.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this December 13, 2013.


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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