

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING FINANCING COMMITTEE
NDFC 2001-1

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Nuclear Decommissioning Financing Committee (“NDFC”), established pursuant to RSA 162-F:15, shall, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 162-F, and RSA 541-A, et seq., and consistent with the NDFC’s December 2000 Order in NDFC Docket No. 2000-1, open a proceeding to receive testimony and information on the 2001 Seabrook Station Decommissioning Update and to review the decommissioning funding schedule for the period following the year 2001. The proceeding will also address any changes to the calculation of the funding obligations, the schedule of payments and requirements for current and future owners of the Seabrook Station, as provided in House Bill 740, which is presently under consideration by the New Hampshire General Court, should that Bill be enacted into law.

The NDFC shall hold a prehearing conference in this proceeding commencing at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2001, at the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, 8 Old Suncook Road, Concord, New Hampshire. On that date, Legal Counsel for the NDFC will act as a Hearing Officer for the purpose of taking appearances from parties interested in participating in the proceeding and establishing a list of proposed issues to be addressed in the proceeding, and a procedural schedule.

Thereafter, hearings will be held as established and duly noticed by the NDFC. The purpose of the hearings shall be to take testimony regarding the proposed plan for updating the Nuclear Decommissioning Financing Fund for the Seabrook Station and the Schedule of Payments into the Fund, in order for the NDFC to establish the appropriate payment schedule plan, as required by RSA 162-F:22, II (b) and RSA 162-F:21, IV, and to address fund modifications funding requirements changes created by amendments of RSA 162-F, should HB 740 be enacted in 2001.

North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (“North Atlantic”) shall give notice of this hearing by causing a copy of this notice to be published at least twice in a newspaper having general circulation in that portion of the State in which operations are conducted and a newspaper having state-wide circulation, the last such publication to be not later than May 1, 2001. North Atlantic shall confirm publication by affidavit to be made on a copy of this notice and filed with the NDFC on or before May 15, 2001.

North Atlantic shall also post a copy of this notice, including the time and place of the hearing, at two appropriate places in Seabrook, New Hampshire. Further, North Atlantic shall notify all parties on the Service List of Docket No. 2000-1, the Office of the Attorney General, the Public Utilities Commission and the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and all Joint Owners, by sending a copy of this notice to each of them.

Dated this third day of April, 2001.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman