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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

June 26, 2008 - 10:02 a.m.  
Concord, New Hampshire

RE: DE 08-066  
PUBLIC SERVICE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:  
Reconciliation of Revenues and Costs  
Associated with its Energy Service  
Rate and Stranded Cost Recovery Charge  
for Calendar Year 2007.  
(Prehearing conference)

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. Getz, Presiding  
Commissioner Graham J. Morrison  
Commissioner Clifton C. Below

Jennifer Ducharme, Clerk

APPEARANCES: Reptg. Public Service of New Hampshire:  
Gerald M. Eaton, Esq.  
  
Reptg. Residential Ratepayers:  
Meredith Hatfield, Esq., Consumer Advocate  
Kenneth E. Traum, Asst. Consumer Advocate  
Office of Consumer Advocate  
  
Reptg. PUC Staff:  
Suzanne G. Amidon, Esq.

Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52

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2 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Okay. Good morning.

3 We'll open the prehearing conference in docket DE 08-066.

4 On May 1, 2008, Public Service Company of New Hampshire

5 filed testimony and schedules in support of its proposed

6 reconciliation of revenues and costs associated with its

7 Energy Service Charge and Stranded Cost Recovery Charge

8 for calendar year 2007. An order of notice was issued on

9 June 4 setting the prehearing conference for this morning.

10 I'll note for the record that the affidavit of publication

11 has been filed, and that the Consumer Advocate has filed

12 notice that it will be participating in this proceeding.

13 Can we take appearances please.

14 MR. EATON: For Public Service Company

15 of New Hampshire, my name is Gerald M. Eaton.

16 CMSR. BELOW: Good morning.

17 CMSR. MORRISON: Good morning.

18 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Good morning.

19 MS. HATFIELD: Good morning,

20 Commissioners. Meredith Hatfield, from the Office of

21 Consumer Advocate, on behalf of residential ratepayers.

22 And, with me is Ken Traum.

23 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Good morning.

24 CMSR. MORRISON: Good morning.

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1 CMSR. BELOW: Good morning.

2 MS. AMIDON: Good morning. Suzanne  
3 Amidon, for Commission Staff. And, with me today is Steve  
4 Mullen, who is the Assistant Director of the Electric  
5 Division.

6 CMSR. BELOW: Good morning.

7 CMSR. MORRISON: Good morning.

8 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Good morning. Anything  
9 we need to address before we allow the opportunity for the  
10 parties to state their preliminary positions?

11 (No verbal response)

12 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Hearing nothing, Mr.  
13 Eaton.

14 MR. EATON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
15 Public Service Company of New Hampshire has submitted its  
16 information for the calendar year 2007 for the Energy  
17 Service Rate and also Stranded Cost Recovery Charge. We  
18 believe that the costs that were submitted are reasonable  
19 and were incurred prudently. We submitted the testimony  
20 of Mr. Baumann, which summarized the data; Mr. Labrecque,  
21 who explained PSNH's purchases for supplemental power  
22 during the period; and Mr. Smagula, who described the  
23 major outages that took place at our generating stations.

24 We look forward to answering data

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1 requests from the parties and work out, through technical  
2 sessions, narrow the issues, and perhaps even come upon a  
3 settlement that we could submit to the Commission. There  
4 has been a procedural schedule that was circulated by  
5 Staff, and we're looking at that right now. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Thank you. Ms.  
7 Hatfield.

8 MS. HATFIELD: Thank you. The OCA does  
9 not have a position at this time, but we look forward to  
10 working with the Company and with Staff to review the  
11 issues in the case. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Thank you. Ms. Amidon.

13 MS. AMIDON: As is customary in these  
14 dockets, we will be looking -- we'll be conducting  
15 discovery and we'll be examining the outages at the plants  
16 and the various other components of this filing. And, we  
17 intend to have a technical session following this hearing  
18 to establish a procedural schedule. And, we'll be filing  
19 that with the Commission shortly.

20 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Okay. Then, we will  
21 close this prehearing conference, await a recommendation  
22 on a procedural schedule, and take the matter under  
23 advisement. Thank you.

24 (Prehearing conference ended at 10:05 a.m.)

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