

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 10-041

ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS, INC.

Integrated Resource Plan

Order Clarifying Order No. 25,317

ORDER NO. 25,329

February 3, 2012

In *EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc.*, Order No. 25,317 (January 11, 2012), the Commission found adequate the integrated resource plan (IRP) filed by EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH (National Grid or the Company). The IRP covered the period November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2015. In part, the Commission's analysis stated that

“with respect to [the issue of] excess capacity, we have determined that there is merit to opening a separate docket to examine the Company's projected supply/demand balance over the 2010-2015 planning period and, if necessary, determine the prudence of maintaining more capacity than needed to satisfy the reliability planning standard that was approved in this proceeding The examination of National Grid NH's supply/demand balance should be based on the most recently updated demand forecast plus the resource portfolio expected to be in place over the 2010-2015 planning period.”

Id. at 10. On January 31, 2012, National Grid filed a motion for clarification and/or reconsideration of Order No. 25,317. According to the motion,

“[t]he Company anticipates that the Commission's order of notice for the docket described in Order No. 25,317 will provide additional detail regarding the scope of the docket and the issues to be addressed in that proceeding. However, on its face the language quoted above appears to indicate that, in considering whether the Company's resource portfolio has excess capacity, the Commission does not intend to consider information that relates to any period beyond 2015.”

National Grid seeks clarification that a “determination of the proper scope of the docket that the Commission plans to open on the capacity issue and whether any particular evidence is relevant

to the issues in that proceeding are both matters that should be raised in the new docket, and that the Commission did not intend to foreclose further consideration of such matters by its ruling in the [current] proceeding.” Alternatively, National Grid requests reconsideration and, specifically, a ruling that “in determining whether the Company's resource portfolio has excess capacity and the proper disposition of any such excess, the Commission will consider information relating to periods beyond 2015 to the extent they are relevant.”

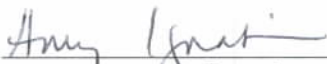
The order of notice to be issued concerning the Company's resource portfolio will contain additional detail regarding the scope of the docket and the issues to be addressed in that proceeding. For purposes of ruling on the motion, Order No. 25,317 did not say, nor did it intend to say, that the Commission will not consider relevant information relating to periods beyond 2015 in the docket to be opened. The estimated amount of any excess capacity and the projected period of time for addressing any excess capacity will be addressed in the new docket.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby


ORDERED, that Order No. 25,317 is clarified in accordance with the above discussion.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this third day of February, 2012.


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Commissioner


Amy L. Ignatius
Commissioner

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Executive Director

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