

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

DG 11-054

NEW HAMPSHIRE GAS CORPORATION

2011 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 21, 2011, New Hampshire Gas Corporation (NHGC) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the summer period, May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011. Included in the filing were revised tariff pages, and supporting materials for the changed rates. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docket/2011/11-054.htm>.

The proposed COG rate is \$1.8233 per therm, a \$0.1424 increase from the average COG rate of \$1.6809 for last summer. The estimated impact of the proposed COG rate on a typical residential customer's summer gas costs, when implemented in conjunction with NHGC's delivery rate, rate case expense surcharge, and monthly customer charges, will be an increase of approximately \$34, or 3.6 percent, compared to last summer.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA 378 and the justness and reasonableness of rates, fares, and charges; the reasonableness of sales forecasts, supplier prices, and transportation prices; reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues; the causes and treatment of a prior period under-recovery; and revenues and rate impacts resulting from the

proposed rate changes. 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 hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, NHGC shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 31, 2011, 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 April 21, 2011; 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 NHGC and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 18, 2011, 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 April 21, 2011.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-third day of
March, 2011.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland", is written over a horizontal line.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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