

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DG 06-105

ORDER OF NOTICE

On August 7, 2006, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England ("EnergyNorth" or the "Company") filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which was superseded by a revised IRP filing made with the Commission on August 21, 2006. The IRP, which covers the period November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2011, provides details of EnergyNorth's resource planning process and strategies based on its current forecast of requirements and present market conditions.

The filing of the IRP was made pursuant to Commission Order No. 24,531 (October 21, 2005) in Docket DG 04-133/DG 04-175 approving a settlement agreement (Settlement Agreement) among EnergyNorth, the Office of the Consumer Advocate and the Commission Staff. The IRP details the Company's planning process and includes details of: i) the forecast methodology of system demand, ii) a description of the analysis the Company uses to determine its normal and design planning standards, iii) a description of how the Company develops its resource portfolio to meet customer requirements under design conditions, iv) the complete inventory of existing resources in the Company's portfolio and the adequacy of the portfolio to meet customer demands under a range of weather and economic conditions, v) whether the Company needs a capacity reserve to assure adequate resources would be available in the event of a capacity exempt firm transportation customer supply disruption, and vi) the

Company's resource management activities used to minimize the cost of maintaining an adequate portfolio.

EnergyNorth's filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to the appropriateness of EnergyNorth's planning process, demand forecasts, gas supply and demand resource assessments and the integration of supply and demand resources, and whether the IRP adequately addresses the components of the IRP as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 4, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.15(c) shall be considered; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that immediately following the Prehearing Conference, EnergyNorth, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow EnergyNorth to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, EnergyNorth shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by (i) publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 25, 2006, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted and (ii) forwarding electronically and by U.S. mail no later than September 27, 2006, a copy of this Order of Notice to the

marketers on EnergyNorth's system, such actions to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 4, 2006; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. 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 EnergyNorth and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before September 29, 2006, 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. 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 October 4, 2006; and it is

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this nineteenth day of September, 2006.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary

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