

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DRM 13-238

ORDER OF NOTICE

On August 15, 2013, the Commission voted pursuant to RSA 541-A to initiate a rulemaking for N.H. Code Admin. Rules CHAPTER Puc 1600, Tariffs & Special Contracts. The Commission's initial proposal represents the Puc 1600 rules it intends to adopt.

The proposed Puc 1600 rules specify: 1) how tariffs should be filed with the Commission; 2) formatting requirements; 3) the required contents of a full rate case filing; and 4) special contracts. The amendments attempt to streamline the required contents of a full rate case and expand definitions of terms that had not been previously defined in the rules.

As required by RSA 541-A:6, a Rulemaking Notice was filed with the Office of Legislative Services on August 26 2013. The Rulemaking Notice sets forth a date for a public hearing to be held at the Commission and a deadline for submission of written comments. That notice is appended hereto.

Pursuant to RSA 541-A:6, III, the Commission is providing, either by U.S. Mail or electronically, a copy of the Rulemaking Notice, Initial Proposal, as well as a copy of this order to all regulated utilities and to those parties previously requesting notice of rulemakings pertaining generally to utility service and customer relations.

The initial proposal may be viewed on the Commission website, <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2013/13-238.html>, or copies may be obtained from the Commission as set forth in the Rulemaking Notice.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Public Hearing, pursuant to 541-A:11, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 1, 2013 at 1:30 PM, and the deadline for submission of materials in writing or via e-mail shall be October 8, 2013, by close of business at 4:30 PM as set forth in the Notice; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, pursuant to RSA 541-A:6, III, the Commission shall provide a copy of the Rulemaking Notice, Initial Proposal, as well as a copy of this Order to all regulated utilities and to those parties previously requesting notice of rulemakings pertaining generally to utility service and customer relations, notification to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before September 26, 2013.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fourth day of September, 2013.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

Individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication aids due to sensory impairment or other disability should contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, NHPUC, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429; 603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.

APPENDIX II-C

RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number _____ Rule Number Puc 1600

1. Agency Name & Address:

**Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

2. RSA Authority: RSA 365:8, V and XII

3. Federal Authority: _____

4. Type of Action:

Adoption _____

Amendment _____

Repeal _____

Readoption _____

Readoption w/amendment X

5. Short Title: **Puc 1600 Tariffs and Special Contracts**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and the effect of the rule on those regulated:

The attached amended Puc 1600 rules specify: 1) how tariffs should be filed with the Commission; 2) formatting requirements; 3) the required contents of a full rate case filing; and 4) special contracts. The amendments attempt to streamline the required contents of a full rate case and expand definitions of terms that had not been previously defined in the rules.

The existing rules are scheduled to expire on September 10, 2013 but are subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

The rules affect regulated utilities operating in New Hampshire.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Puc 1601.01 (a) - (d)	RSA 365:8, V and XII
Puc 1601.01 (e)	RSA 365:8, V and XII; 378:9
Puc 1602.01 - 1602.09	RSA 365:8, V and XII
Puc 1603.01 - 1603.08	RSA 365:8, V and XII; 378:1-3
Puc 1604.01 - 1604.09	RSA 365:8, V and XII; 378:5-10
Puc 1605.01 - 1605.03	RSA 365:8, V and XII; 378:6
Puc 1606.01 - 1606.04	RSA 365:8, V and XII; 378:18

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7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Tuesday, October 8, 2013, close of business at 4:30 p.m.**

☒ Fax

☒ E-mail

☐ Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 1:30 PM**

Place: **21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Hearing Room B, Concord, NH**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant)

FIS # 13:133 , dated August 22, 2013

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution: **Although the proposed rules are intended to streamline Puc 1604, and as such, modify an existing program or responsibility, they do not mandate or assign any responsibility to any political subdivision and therefore do not violate Part I, Article 28-a.**

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
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