

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

DG 08-045

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 20, 2008, New Hampshire Gas Corporation (NHGC) filed with the Commission its Cost of Gas (COG) rates for the period May 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 (2008 Summer Season). Included in the filing were revised tariff pages and supporting materials for the changed rates.

NHGC proposes a COG rate of \$1.9232 per therm, a \$0.370 per therm increase from the weighted average COG rate of \$1.5482 per therm for last summer. The estimated impact of the proposed COG and current deferred rate base revenue surcharge on a typical residential heating customer's summer bill is an increase of approximately \$63, or 14%, compared to last summer. The current (winter) COG rate is \$1.8973 per therm and comparing the November 2006 through October 2007 gas cost of \$2,554 to the November 2007 through October 2008 actual and projected gas cost of \$2,809 for a typical residential heating, there is an overall increase in annual costs of \$255, or 10%.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to the reasonableness of rates and charges pursuant to RSA 378 and more specifically: forecasting of sales, supplier prices, and transportation prices; reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues; and rate impacts resulting from the proposed rate changes. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

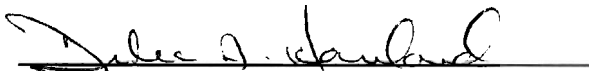
ORDERED, that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 16, 2008 at 1:30 pm; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, 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 26, 2008, 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 16, 2008; 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 NHGC and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 11, 2008, 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 April 16, 2008.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty first day of March, 2008


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary

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