

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DG 10-041

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 1, 2010, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH (EnergyNorth) filed an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) for Commission review and approval. The IRP, which covers the period November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2015, provides details of EnergyNorth's resource planning process and strategies based on present market conditions and its current forecast of requirements. EnergyNorth's plan includes: (i) a step-by-step description of the method used to forecast demand on its system, (ii) a description of the analysis EnergyNorth uses to determine its normal and design planning standards, (iii) a description of how EnergyNorth develops its resource portfolio to meet customer requirements under design conditions, (iv) the complete inventory of existing resources in EnergyNorth's portfolio including savings associated with the implementation of energy efficiency programs, and (v) a demonstration of the adequacy of the portfolio to meet customer demands under a range of weather and economic conditions.

EnergyNorth's filing raises, inter alia, issues related to RSA 374:4 and the Commission's duty to keep informed as to the adequacy of EnergyNorth's planning process, including demand forecasts, gas supply and demand resource assessments, and the integration of supply and demand resources; and RSA 378:39 relating to evaluation of integrated least-cost resource plans and the potential environmental, economic and health-related impacts of proposed options. This filing and subsequent docket filings may be found at the Commission's web site:

<http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2010/10-041.htm>. 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 May 20, 2010 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, Staff 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

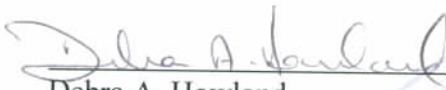
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, EnergyNorth shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by (i) publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than April 29, 2010, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted and (ii) forwarding electronically and by U.S. mail no later than May 3, 2010, 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 May 20, 2010; 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 May 17, 2010, 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 May 20, 2010.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-first day of April, 2010.


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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