

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

DE 10-142

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY AND
NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID
2010 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On May 12, 2010, Granite State Electric Company and New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed its 2010 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) pursuant to RSA 378:37 and Order No. 24,826 (February 29, 2008) in Docket No. DE 05-098 and DE 07-052, National Grid's prior LCIRP filings.

RSA 378:38 provides that each LCIRP shall include, but not be limited to: a forecast of future electrical demand for the utility's service area; an assessment of demand-side energy management programs, including conservation, efficiency improvement and load management programs; an assessment of supply options; an assessment of transmission requirements; provision for diversity of supply sources; integration of demand-side and supply-side options; an assessment of plan integration and impact on state compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the National Energy Policy Act of 1992; and an assessment of the plan's long- and short-term environmental, economic and energy price and supply impact on the state. Pursuant to RSA 378:38-a, the Commission, in Order No. 24,826, waived the requirement for National Grid to file materials described in RSA 378:38 with the exception of those related to distribution and transmission plan requirements.

In its filing, National Grid describes the following items: 1) the processes it uses to ensure that its transmission and distribution systems are maintained to meet both state and federal requirements; 2) the energy markets currently administered by the Independent System Operator-New England and how the markets are being structured to procure adequate supply and demand resources to meet reliability objectives at the lowest costs; 3) the transmission and distribution planning processes that National Grid has adopted to ensure reliable operations of the electric grid; 4) the role of demand response and distributed generation resources in the electric markets and how National Grid incorporates such resources into its transmission and distribution planning processes; and 5) National Grid's participation in the State's CORE energy efficiency programs and how they interrelate to the Company's resource planning.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether National Grid's planning process is adequate as defined by the requirements set forth in RSA 378:38 and 39 and Order No. 24,826 and whether it is consistent with RSA Chap. 374-F. 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 July 13, 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 shall be considered; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, National Grid, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to

review the petition and allow National Grid to provide any amendments or updates to its filing;
and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than July 6, 2010, 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 July 13, 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 National Grid and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before July 8, 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 July 13, 2010.

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


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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