

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

DE 10-261

PUBLIC SERVICE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

2010 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 30, 2010, Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed its 2010 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) pursuant to RSA 378:37 and Commission Order No. 24,945 (February 27, 2009) in Docket No. DE 07-108, PSNH's prior LCIRP filing, and Order No. 25,061 (December 31, 2009).

In its filing consistent with RSA 378:38, PSNH describes the following items: 1) the methodology and assumptions used to develop PSNH's delivered energy and peak demand forecasts, and illustrated forecast scenarios; 2) PSNH's participation in the State's CORE energy-efficiency programs, and other PSNH demand-side management programs, and their interrelation to PSNH's resource planning; 3) assessment of PSNH's supply options; 4) the energy market currently administered by the Independent System Operator-New England (ISO-NE) and how ISO-NE coordinates and plans transmission in New England, including PSNH's transmission system; 5) PSNH's provision for diversity in power supply sources; 6) assessment of PSNH's planning compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the National Energy Policy Act of 1992; 7) assessment of the LCIRP's long- and short-term environmental, economic, and energy price and supply impact on the state; 8) PSNH's compliance with the New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standard; and 9) a continuing unit operation study for PSNH's Newington Station, pursuant to Commission Order No. 25,061. PSNH's LCIRP and subsequent

docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docket/2010/10-261.htm>.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether PSNH's planning process is adequate as defined by the requirements set forth in RSA 378:38 and 39 and Order No. 24,945 and whether it is consistent with RSA Chap. 374-F and RSA 369-B:3a. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on November 18, 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. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15 shall be considered; and it is

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

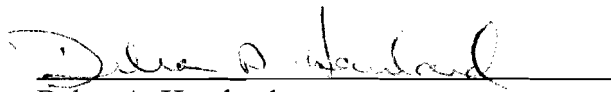
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, PSNH shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than November 6, 2010, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before November 18, 2010; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code 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 PSNH and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before November 12, 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. Code Admin. Rules 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 November 18, 2010.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this third day of November, 2010.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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