

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DRM 12-039

RULEMAKING

**New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules
PART Puc 1900, Rate Case Expenses**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On April 11, 2013, the Commission voted pursuant to RSA 541-A to initiate a rulemaking for N.H. Code Admin. Rules CHAPTER Puc 1900, Rate Case Expenses. The Commission's initial proposal represents the Puc 1900 rules it intends to adopt.

The proposed Puc 1900 rules define rate case expenses, identify a procedure for filing such expenses, and identify a procedure for Commission review and approval of such expenses. The rules also identify methods for recovering rate case expenses.

A rulemaking notice form (Notice), as required by RSA 541-A:6, was filed with the Office of Legislative Services on May 13, 2013. The 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.

A copy of the Rulemaking Notice will be sent to all regulated utilities and to those parties previously requesting notice of rulemakings pertaining generally to utility service and customer relations. Pursuant to RSA 541-A:6, III, notice will also be provided by public notice advertisement in a publication of daily statewide circulation.

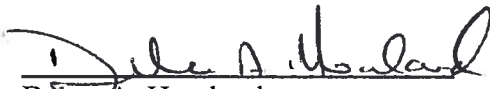
The initial proposal may be viewed on the Commission website, <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-039.html>, or copies may be obtained from the Commission as set forth in the Notice.

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 June 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., and the deadline for submission of materials in writing or via e-mail shall be June 24, 2013, by close of business at 4:30 p.m. as set forth in the Notice; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, pursuant to RSA 541-A:6, III, the Commission shall undertake a public notice advertisement by publishing a copy of this Order together with the Notice no later than May 23, 2013, in a newspaper with a daily statewide circulation, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before June 17, 2013. .

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this sixteenth day of May, 2013.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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APPENDIX II-C

RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number _____

Rule Number Puc 1900

1. Agency Name & Address:

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

2. RSA Authority: RSA 365:8, X

3. Federal Authority: _____

4. Type of Action:

Adoption X

Amendment _____

Repeal _____

Readoption _____

Readoption w/amendment _____

5. Short Title: **Puc 1900 Rate Case Expenses**

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

The proposed Puc 1900 rules define rate case expenses, identify a procedure for filing such expenses, and identify a procedure for Commission review and approval of such expenses. The rules also identify methods for recovering rate case expenses.

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

The rules affect regulated utilities operating in New Hampshire.

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

Rule	State Statute the Rule Implements
Puc 1900	RSA 365:8, X

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: **June 24, 2013, close of business at 4:30 PM.**

☒ Fax

☒ E-mail

☐ Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Monday, June 17, 2013, 2 PM**

Place: **21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Hearing Room A, Concord, NH 03301**

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

FIS # 13:050, dated April 19, 2013

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution: **The proposed rules do not modify an existing program or responsibility, and do not assign any responsibility to any political subdivision and therefore is not proposed in violation of Part I, Article 28-a.**

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