

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

**DG 12-071**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE GAS CORPORATION**

**2012 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On March 20, 2012, New Hampshire Gas Corporation (NHGC) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the summer period, May 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012. Included in the filing were revised tariff pages, and supporting materials for the changed rates. The petition 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/Docketbk/2012/12-071.html>.

The proposed COG rate is \$1.7884 per therm, a \$0.2879 decrease from the average COG rate of \$2.0763 for last summer. The estimated impact of the proposed COG rate on a typical residential customer's summer gas costs, when implemented in conjunction with NHGC's delivery rate and monthly customer charges, will be a decrease of approximately \$76, or 7 percent, compared to last summer.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA 378 and the justness and reasonableness of rates, fares, and charges; the reasonableness of sales forecasts, supplier prices, and transportation prices; reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues; the causes and treatment of a prior period under-recovery; and revenues and rate impacts resulting from the

proposed rate changes. 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 hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, 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 30, 2012, 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 19, 2012; 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 NHGC and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 16, 2012, 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. 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 19, 2012.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-sixth day of  
March, 2012.



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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND  
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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.