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*Via Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery*

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: DG 12-128; EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the Order of Notice dated May 23, 2012 in the above-referenced docket, enclosed for filing with the Commission is an affidavit confirming that this Order of Notice was published in the Union Leader on May 25, 2012. Please note that the affidavit inadvertently names the docket as "DE 12-128" instead of "DG 12-128." However, the notice as published in the Union Leader identifies the docket correctly.

Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. Taylor".

Patrick H. Taylor

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Enclosures

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by the Union Leader Corp.

On :

05/25/2012

State of New Hampshire  
Hillsborough County  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this

25th day of May, 2012

*Heidi A. Gagnon*

Notary Public



## Legal Notice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DG 12-128  
ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS, INC.  
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID NH  
Cast Iron/Bare Steel Replacement  
Program

### ORDER OF NOTICE

On May 15, 2012, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH (National Grid) filed with the Commission its fiscal year 2012 (April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012) Cast Iron/Bare Steel (CIBS) Replacement Program Results. As a result of work completed in fiscal year 2012, National Grid seeks a permanent increase in its base distribution rates of \$54,568 effective for usage on and after July 1, 2012. The program results and request for a rate increase are filed pursuant to the merger settlement agreement in Docket No. DG 06-107 and approved by the Commission in National Grid plc, et al., Order No. 24,777 (July 12, 2007). The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-128.html>

The filing contained the following information: (1) a report on actual cast iron/bare steel capital spending for fiscal year 2012; (2) a proposed \$54,568 increase in the annual revenue requirement to be recovered through distribution rates effective for usage on and after July 1, 2012; and (3) an explanation of differences from the fiscal year 2012 budget.

In the attachments supporting the filing, National Grid calculated that the requested \$54,468 increase to its annual revenue requirement represents a 0.04 percent increase to distribution rates. On an overall bill basis, the increase to a residential heating customer would be \$0.42 for a customer using 1,250 therms per year, representing a 0.03 percent increase.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to whether National Grid's filing conforms to the requirements of the merger settlement agreement, whether National Grid has appropriately accounted for the costs of the CIBS replacement program, whether National Grid's CIBS-related forecasts, budgets and actual expenditures are reasonable and appropriate, whether National Grid has applied appropriate cost-control methodologies to its CIBS replacement program planning and construction work, matters related to "road degradation" fees assessed by certain New Hampshire municipalities in National Grid's service area, whether terms of the program should be modified, and whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 378:8. 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 June 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by pub-

lishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than May 31, 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 June 12, 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 National Grid and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 7, 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 June 12, 2012.

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

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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(UL - May 25)