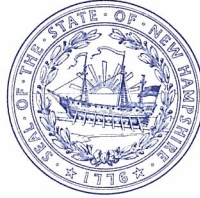


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Re: DE 06-015, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2006 Least Cost Integrated Plan
Docket Closure

To the Parties:

On April 30, 2009, NHEC filed its response to the Commission's secretarial letter dated April 13, 2009, which included, among other things, a copy of a Long Range Plan produced in 2003 in accordance with periodic requirements of its lender, the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation. NHEC also noted in its filing that NHEC would be filing its 2009 LCIRP by September 30, 2009 and that the plan would be modeled after those approved by the Commission for Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) in Docket Nos. DE 05-098 and DE 07-052.

On September 23, 2009, Staff filed a memorandum in which it concluded that NHEC's Long Range Plan gave little attention to explaining the processes used to plan the development of NHEC's distribution system. Staff expressed concern that NHEC intended to model its LCIRP after those filed by National Grid in Dockets No. DE 05-098 and DE 07-052. Staff opined that National Grid's filings in the referenced dockets did not fully address certain issues that should be included in a LCIRP for a transmission and distribution only utility. Staff attached a copy of a list of issues to its September 23rd memorandum that it had provided to National Grid that require discussion in any LCIRP filing although it acknowledged that not all of the issues referred to in the list would necessarily apply to NHEC.

Inasmuch as NHEC will be filing its 2009 LCIRP related to transmission and distribution around October 1, 2009 no further action is required on the instant filing. Accordingly, Docket No. DE 06-015 has been closed. The Commission expects, however, that NHEC will address in its 2009 LCIRP filing the issues identified by Staff attached to its September 23, 2009 memorandum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director