

The State of New Hampshire
before the
Public Utilities Commission
Jim Snyder
Line Extension Charges
Docket # DE 12-307



Motion for Rehearing of order # 25,461

February 12, 2013

I, Jim Snyder, respectfully move the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to reconsider and rehear Order No. 25,461. Specifically I submit that the finding regarding subsidization is both unreasonable and illogical.

On January 31, 2013, in order # 25,461, The Public Utilities Commission Granted the PSNH Motion to dismiss. The order states:

“In Order No. 25,046, we found that the proposed tariff, supported by the OCA, the HBRANH and Staff met the goals of minimizing subsidization occurring between existing customers and new customers.”

And also

“We also found that the proposed tariff would reduce the time PSNH spent on administering, estimating and monitoring line extensions, making the policy more straightforward and easier to understand.”

With respect to subsidization, I suggest that the tariff has it completely backwards. First, assume the premise that electricity is to be available on all Class V or higher roads; the only question is who pays for the infrastructure in places not yet served. If landowners are required to bear the cost of extending lines in areas not served, *it is in fact they who are subsidizing not only future customers who will benefit from that line extension, but also existing customers who enjoy the use of existing lines without having to pay anything for their construction.*

With respect to the policy being “more straightforward and easier to understand”, that’s only true with respect to the prior policy with its five year period of payment and sharing with others coming on the line, which for all its difficulty was considerably more fair than what we have now. But nothing could be more straightforward and easy to understand than the idea that *all of us on public roads have access to electrical service at the end of our driveways and that we all share equally in the cost of ensuring that access.*

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I ask the Commission for a rehearing to reconsider this question.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jim Snyder

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I hereby certify that I have caused this Motion to be served pursuant to NH Code Administrative Rule PUC 203.11