

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

DE 15-248

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a
EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

2015 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

ORDER OF NOTICE

On June 19, 2015, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition for approval of its 2015 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) pursuant to RSA 378:38 and Order No. 5,676 (June 12, 2014). With its petition, Eversource filed a copy of the 2015 LCIRP. Consistent with Order No. 25,676, the LCIRP filing is limited to discussion of matters pertaining to Eversource's distribution and transmission planning, and does not address supply options, diversity of supply sources, consideration of the Clean Air Act, or the assessment of the plan's impact on the environment, economy, energy price and supply in New Hampshire. With respect to Eversource's distribution and transmission planning, Eversource included details of its planning processes, an updated assessment of demand side energy programs, and additional information on "Smart Grid" activities.

In addition, effective August 15, 2014, the New Hampshire General Court enacted certain amendments to the LCIFP statutes (RSA 378:38) and amended the scope of information required for an LCIRP submission. Eversource incorporated such items into its LCIRP filing to the extent that the items relate to distribution and transmission planning, pursuant to Order No. 25,676.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether Eversource's planning process for transmission and distribution is adequate as defined by the requirements set forth in RSA 378:38 and RSA 378:39. 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 Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on August 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Eversource, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow Eversource to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Eversource shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than July 17, 2015, 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 August 4, 2015; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission

seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Eversource and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before August 4, 2015, 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 August 6, 2015.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fourteenth day of July, 2015.



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.