

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

DG 15-377

CONCORD STEAM CORPORATION

2015-2016 Cost of Energy Adjustment

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 11, 2015, Concord Steam Corporation (Concord Steam), a public utility supplying steam service to residential, commercial, and institutional customers, filed its annual cost of energy (COE) rate for the period November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016 with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The proposed COE rate is \$25.22 per Mlb, nearly identical to last year's initial rate of \$25.10 per Mlb and a 3.4 percent decrease from the current COE rate of \$26.10 per Mlb. Concord Steam estimates that customers will experience a decrease of less than one percent in their total bill compared to last year. 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: the forecast of sales; wood and natural gas supply and transportation costs; estimated wood yard operations expenses; purchasing decisions related to current and past annual fuel supplies; the causes and treatment of over and under recoveries; prior period costs and revenues; matters examined pursuant to RSA 374:4, including Concord Steam's business, financial, and contingency plans; and the justness and reasonableness of the proposed COE rate per RSA 378:7. 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

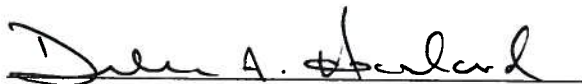
ORDERED, that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 19, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Concord Steam shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than October 6, 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 October 16, 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 Concord Steam and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 16, 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 October 19, 2015.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-eighth day of September, 2015.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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SERVICE LIST - EMAIL ADDRESSES - DOCKET RELATED

Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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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.