

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

July 18, 2001

ORDER APPROVING
MODIFICATIONS TO STANDARD
FORM CONTRACT EXHIBITS AND
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Standard Offer Bidding Process

Docket No. 2001-399

BANGOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPANY
Request for Approval of Standard Form
Contracts (Changes to Standard Form
Contracts – Exhibits A and B)

Docket No. 2001-444

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

I. SUMMARY

Through this Order, we approve modifications to the Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and Bangor Hydro-Electric Company (BHE) standard offer standard form contract exhibits, including changes to BHE's uncollectible percentages. We also approve modifications to the BHE competitive electricity provider (CEP) standard form contract exhibits and to BHE's terms and conditions applicable to CEPs and standard offer providers.

II. BACKGROUND

On June 28, 2001, July 3, 2001 and July 9, 2001, BHE filed changes to the exhibits to its standard offer and CEP standard form contracts. BHE indicated that the language changes are not substantive, but are clarifying in nature. BHE also proposed changes to the uncollectible percentages applicable to standard offer service. These percentages are included in the exhibit to the standard offer standard contract. The BHE filings also included modifications to its terms and conditions that contain charges applicable to CEPs and standard offer providers. Following discussions with Staff, BHE made minor revisions to its filing on July 16, 2001.

On July 3, 2001, CMP filed proposed changes to the exhibits to its standard form standard offer contract. These changes updated the documents, clarified the net billing provision, and revised the uncollectible percentages. After discussions with staff, CMP revised its filing on July 12, 2001 to maintain its current collectible percentages.

III. DISCUSSION

We approve the utility filings as revised. The changes to the language of the BHE and CMP contract exhibits are not substantive and provide useful clarifications. The modification to BHE's terms and conditions does not alter any charges, but clarifies the off-cycle drop requirements.

The only substantive change involved in the utility filings is BHE's modifications to the uncollectible percentages. BHE's revisions are based on a 3-year average and are as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Residential/small non-residential	1.20%	1.51%
Medium non-residential	0.26%	0.20%
Large non-residential	0.03%	0.02%

We have reviewed the data supporting the changes to the uncollectible percentages. The revisions are based on more recent data and are consistent with section 4(D) of Chapter 301. We, therefore, approve the revised percentages.

Accordingly, we

ORDER

That the revised exhibits to the standard contracts and terms and conditions attached to this Order are hereby approved.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 18th day of July, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Nugent
Diamond

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