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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:  
Maine Public Service Company,  
Docket No. ER00-1053-020

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Dear Ms. Reed:

1. On June 15, 2007, you submitted, on behalf of Maine Public Service Company (Maine PSC), an annual update filing reflecting changes to Maine PSC's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) increasing the rate for Network Integration Service from \$30.86 per kW/year to \$31.95 per kW/year. Your filing also reflected a new transmission loss factor, which is the same as the loss factor accepted by the Commission in Docket No. ER07-638-000.<sup>1</sup>
2. Notice of the filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 72 Fed. Reg. 35,456 (2007), with interventions and protests due on or before July 6, 2007. A timely motion to intervene and comments were filed by Houlton Water Company (Houlton).
3. Houlton notes that historically it has engaged in discussions with Maine PSC resulting in a settlement resolving the issues raised by Maine PSC's annual filing under the formula rate. Houlton requests that the Commission defer final action on Maine PSC's filing to allow the parties an opportunity to resolve their concerns. Houlton notes that it is authorized to state that Maine PSC supports this request for a deferral.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Maine Public Service Company*, Docket No. ER07-638-000 (April 17, 2007) (unpublished delegated letter order).

4. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2007), the timely motion to intervene serves to make the entity that filed it a party to this proceeding.
5. As the parties are engaged in ongoing discussions with a view towards resolving Houlton's concerns amicably, and noting that with respect to the last such filing the parties were able to reach agreement on all issues,<sup>2</sup> the Commission will accept and suspend this filing and make it effective June 1, 2007, as requested, subject to refund and further Commission order.
6. Maine PSC is directed to inform the Commission no later than October 5, 2007 on the status of negotiations and file an amendment to its June 15, 2007 filing, as necessary, to reflect the resolution of the issues.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Acting Deputy Secretary.

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<sup>2</sup> See *Maine Public Service Company*, Docket No. ER00-1053-019 (February 8, 2007) (unpublished delegated letter order).