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August 28, 2008

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Re: DE 08-103, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Merrimack Station Scrubber Project
Motion to Accelerate Schedule

Dear Mr. Bersak:

On August 25, 2008, you filed on behalf of Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) a motion to accelerate the schedule to file certain information and memoranda of law regarding the installation of scrubber technology at Merrimack Station. In your motion, you ask the Commission to accelerate the September 12 filing date to August 29, arguing that any delays in the project would cause "undue hardship on PSNH and its retail customers and would adversely affect the rights of PSNH, its retail customers, and the citizens of New Hampshire as a whole."

On August 25, 2008, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) objected to PSNH's motion insofar as it seeks to require the OCA to file its memorandum of law by September 12. Among other things, the OCA asserts that PSNH has failed to demonstrate that the harms it alleges would occur if its motion is not granted. The OCA further states that it would be unable to file a memorandum of law by August 29 due to the press of other previously scheduled commitments.

The Commission welcomes the early filing by PSNH of the materials, including the memorandum of law, sought by the August 22, 2008 Secretarial Letter inasmuch as it will assist the Commission in conducting a timely review of these important materials.

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However, the Commission has determined that it is not reasonable or necessary under the circumstances to accelerate the filing deadline as it applies to the OCA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

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