

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

Docket No. DE 08-103

**INVESTIGATION OF PSNH'S INSTALLATION OF SCRUBBER
TECHNOLOGY AT MERRIMACK STATION**

Motion to Suspend Order No. 24,898

NOW COMES TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc. ("TransCanada"), by and through its undersigned counsel, pursuant to N.H. RSA 541:5, and respectfully moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to suspend Order No. 24,898 issued in the above-captioned matter on September 19, 2008 ("the Order"). In support of this Motion, TransCanada states as follows:

1. On October 17, 2008 TransCanada filed a Motion for Reconsideration and Rehearing in the above-captioned matter. A group of Commercial Ratepayers also filed a Motion for Rehearing in the same matter.

2. After TransCanada filed the Motion for Reconsideration and Rehearing it became aware of a press release issued by Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") indicating that it intends to begin construction on the scrubbers on November 3, 2008. See attached copy of press release.

3. RSA 541:5 provides that on the filing of a motion for rehearing "the commission shall within ten days either grant or deny the same, or suspend the order or decision complained of pending further consideration, and any order of suspension may be upon such terms and conditions as the commission may prescribe."

4. TransCanada submits that in light of its filing and the filing of a Motion for Rehearing by the Commercial Ratepayers and the issues raised about the

Commission's authority in both motions, as well as the proposed schedule for the construction of the modifications to Merrimack Station, that it is within the Commission's authority and appropriate and necessary for the Commission to suspend the Order so that it can more thoroughly address the issues raised in both motions.

5. If the Commission does not act to suspend the Order, persons directly affected by the Order, including competitors of PSNH, ratepayers and others, are likely to be irreparably harmed by PSNH's decision to proceed with the construction.

6. TransCanada hereby incorporates by reference its Motion for Reconsideration and Rehearing.

WHEREFORE, TransCanada respectfully requests that the Commission:

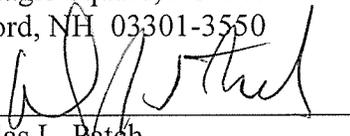
- A. Suspend Order No. 24,898; and
- B. Grant such further relief as it deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSCANADA HYDRO NORTHEAST INC.

By their Attorneys

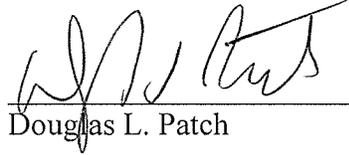
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was, on this date, sent either by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or by electronic mail to those persons listed on the Service List.

Date: October 20, 2008



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News Release

PSNH 'Scrubber' Work Scheduled to Begin November 3rd

Clean Air Project Targets Mercury and Sulfur Emissions

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Bow, NH. October 17, 2008*****Preliminary site work is scheduled to begin November 3rd for the construction of a mercury and sulfur emissions reduction system at Public Service of New Hampshire's (PSNH) Merrimack Station coal-fired power plant in Bow. The work will prepare the area for the installation of "scrubber" technology that will reduce emissions of mercury by at least 80 percent and sulfur by more than 90 percent.

About 300 unionized craft workers will be on site during a three to four year peak construction period, which is scheduled to begin next spring. The major elements include the scrubber facility itself, which will capture mercury and sulfur dioxide gases, a new chimney which will replace the use of two existing stacks, and a new state-of-the-art waste water treatment facility. Major equipment contractors have been selected and engineering work is proceeding.

"The start of the Clean Air Project could not come at a better time for our represented craft workers," said Ed Foley, President, New Hampshire State Building and Construction Trades Council. "Given the economic uncertainties of the regional economy, this major construction project will ensure jobs that pay area-standard wages and benefits for the next several years. The men and women of the New Hampshire building and construction trades council look forward to working alongside our friends at PSNH."

This site work includes the demolition of some existing structures at the power plant, construction of a parking area for the hundreds of workers who will be on site, the building of a materials receiving and lay down storage area, and some site entrance road modifications necessary to facilitate construction traffic.

"The work this fall will pave the way for the major construction work that begins early next year," noted Michael Hitchko, PSNH project manager. "The sooner we get started the sooner the scrubber will begin its work to reduce emissions."

Merrimack Station produces about 430 megawatts (MW) of economic electricity, enough to power about 190,000 average New Hampshire homes, or 38 percent of PSNH's customer base. It is a primary component of PSNH's diverse generation portfolio, which includes the company's operation of biomass, hydroelectric, oil/gas, and coal power. In addition, PSNH purchases power from independent New Hampshire producers of wind, hydro, solar and methane-based power.

The recovery of the cost of the \$457 million project will add an average of 0.31 cents/kWh (three tenths of one cent) to the company's Energy Charge, which is currently the lowest of any utility in New England.

The installation of the scrubber technology at Merrimack Station is required to comply with a state law passed in 2006 that focuses on reducing mercury emissions. The "Scrubber Law" is a key component of New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation four-pollutant Clean Power Act, which was passed in 2002 and governs emissions of nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, mercury and carbon dioxide.

PSNH is New Hampshire's largest electric utility, generating and distributing clean electricity for more than 490,000 homes and businesses in an environmentally friendly manner. Each year, PSNH supports dozens of forest protection, energy conservation, and environmental organizations through both financial contributions and generous employee volunteerism. PSNH is proud of its commitment to the environment and willingness to create innovative solutions to environmental issues.

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