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Re: Interim Change in the Default Energy Service Rate Docket No. DE 08-113

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of the testimony and attachments of Robert A. Baumann containing a recalculation and supporting documentation for a Default Energy Service (Energy Service) rate applicable to PSNH's customers who take service under Energy Service Rate DE on and after August 1, 2009. PSNH currently calculates that there will be a decrease from the current rate of 9.92 cents per kilowatt-hour to 8.94 cents per kilowatt-hour. This estimate includes actual costs through April and a projection of costs through December.

By letter dated May 19, 2009, PSNH requested that the proposed effective date of its temporary rate request in Docket No. DE 09-035 be delayed until August 1, 2009. For the purposes of rate continuity, PSNH requests that the effective date of the Energy Service interim change also be delayed to August 1 instead of the customary interim date change of July 1. Prior to the hearing in this matter, PSNH will file updated projections of costs and actual experience through May; therefore, the rate PSNH ultimately requests may differ from the current calculation.

PSNH requests that the Commission reopen this proceeding and schedule a hearing so that a final determination of a rate may be made in time to calculate all of the rate changes scheduled for August 1, 2009. PSNH has discussed this matter with Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate, and a hearing date of July 2, 2009 was reserved for this case on the Commission's schedule.

Concurrently with this filing, PSNH is requesting the Commission to reopen the Stranded Cost Recovery Charge (SCRC) proceeding to enable PSNH to request a change in the SCRC on August 1, 2009. Copies of this filing have been provided to the persons on the attached service list pursuant to Puc§203.02 and Puc §203.11.

Very truly yours,

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