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The Northeast Utilities System



Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South State Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429



Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire 2009 Long Range Plans for Bulk Power Supply Facilities Docket No. DE 09-085

Dear Secretary Howland:

On April 30, 2009, Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH" or "the Company") filed its Long Range Plan for Bulk Power Supply facilities ("Plan") pursuant to RSA 162-H:17 and N.H. Code Admin. Rule Part Puc 309. In past submissions, PSNH has listed on Form B several transmission line projects which the Company believed may be constructed in rights of way belonging to PSNH. In the 2008 filing there were twenty six projects listed. Three of those projects have been completed. The 2009 filing only lists one project. This letter is being submitted to help the PUC understand this change.

During 2008, the Independent System Operator for New England ("ISO-NE") revised its regional transmission planning process to reflect FERC Order 890. ISO-NE has developed a multi step process to evaluate regional transmission needs and has included many more stakeholders in the process through the ISO-NE Planning Advisory Committee ("PAC") meetings. Representatives of PSNH are participating in several regional studies which are developing needs assessments. After a needs assessment is developed for a particular region, individual project alternatives will be developed and ultimately a preferred solution will be chosen from the possible alternatives for inclusion in the ISO-NE Regional System Plan. The ISO-NE regional studies which will have an impact upon New Hampshire transmission include the New Hampshire 10 year plan, Northeast Massachusetts (NEMA) study, Vermont area study and studies to integrate renewable wind power in Northern New Hampshire. As stated in the 2009 plan filing, these studies are at various stages within the multi step process.

After a preferred solution has been selected for an identified need, this preferred solution is listed in the ISO-NE Regional System Plan, and only then can PSNH claim that "construction is projected to commence during the ensuing 10 years or longer" under RSA 162-H:17 I (a). Many of the transmission line projects that were included in PSNH's 2008 Plan are being 056 COnsidered in these regional studies. When one of these transmission line projects or any other

proposed transmission line project is identified as a preferred solution to an identified need, this project will be listed in the ISO-NE Regional System Plan and included in future Bulk Power Supply Long Range Plans filings.

Enclosed herewith is a De Lorme map showing the path of the Deerfield to Laconia line. The Staff approved this format for the 2008 plan filing. Previously PSNH had filed photocopies of several U.S. Geological survey maps which did not provide a clear picture of the routes.

Very truly yours, Jund Mr. Esh Gerald M. Eaton

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