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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: Docket No. DE 10-261; Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH, or

Company)

2010 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) Request for Fifth Modification of Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Commission, by secretarial letter, approved Staff's proposed procedural schedule on the instant docket on December 28, 2010; this schedule was modified, at Staff's request, by secretarial letters on February 24, March 31, May 9 and June 28, 2011.

Staff, with the assent of the Company and the parties, requests that the deadline for the Company's responses to the final round of Staff and Intervenor Data Requests (4th Round of Staff/Intervenor Data Requests, described as the "3rd Round" in the Secretarial Letter of June 28, 2011) be established as January 9, 2012, to allow sufficient time for the Company's formulation of responses to Staff and Intervenors' questions. Staff requests that the remainder of the procedural schedule, with the Hearing on the Merits scheduled for January 18 and 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., remain unchanged at this time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposed fifth modification to the procedural schedule, and for the consideration of the Commission; please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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