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## **RE: DE** 11-082 **PSNH**

Request to Recover Wind Storm Costs; Incremental Cost of Marketing Renewable Service Option; and Request to Modify Deadline for Filing Executive Compensation Reports

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing to notify the Commission that the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) is not able to attend the hearing in the above-referenced matter on June 23, 2011, and to provide our positions on aspects of the Company's requests. We apologize for any inconvenience.

With respect to the Company's request to modify the timing of the filing of the executive compensation report that the Company agreed to provide in DE 09-035, we have no objection.

Regarding the request for recovery of the 2010 wind storm costs, we support the resolution proposed by Staff that will be presented at the hearing.

With respect to the portion of the filing related to the Company's renewable energy rate that was approved in DE 09-186, our position is as follows: we do not object to the Company recovering the \$72,717 in costs incurred during the first year of offering the renewable energy rate. Because we only received PSNH's annual report on the renewable rate today, we do not yet have a position on their request for approval of the coming year's costs, or any position with regard to any other aspects of the renewable rate. We also wish to review the report with the Company and Staff to discuss how the program has worked, how to increase participation, and other issues, prior to taking a position. We will work with the Company and Staff to review the report if this approach is amenable to them.



Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Meredith A. Hatfield Consumer Advocate

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