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November 4, 2011

Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire
DE 11-215, 2010 Energy Service Rate
DE 11-216 Alternative Energy Service Rate
DE 11-217, 2012 Stranded Cost Recovery Charge Rate
Motion to Modify Procedural Schedules and Waive Rule 203.09

To the Parties:

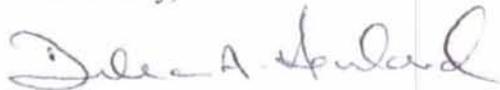
On October 31, 2011, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a motion to modify the procedural schedules and to waive the schedule provisions of Puc 203.09 in the above referenced proceedings. In support of its motion, PSNH notes that the procedural schedules for all three proceedings have identical deadlines for initial discovery. According to PSNH, on October 28, 2011, the last day for rolling data requests, Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate and Conservation Law Foundation, an intervenor in Docket No. DE 11-215, each filed data requests. Puc 203.09 requires objections to data requests within 10 days following the receipt of the data requests which, in this instance, will be Monday, November 7, 2011. In addition, the procedural schedules dictate that PSNH respond to all such requests by November 10, 2011 and that a technical session be held on November 16, 2011.

PSNH states in its motion that on the weekend of October 29 a major snow storm hit New England and caused substantial damage to PSNH's electric system, including widespread outages for its New Hampshire customers and similar outages for its affiliate electric company in Connecticut. With the diversion of employees to perform jobs related to restoration efforts, PSNH is unable to comply with the timelines set out in the procedural schedule. PSNH has specifically requested that the time frames of Puc 203.09 be waived to allow PSNH to serve objections to any data requests no later than November 14, 2011. Further, PSNH requested approval of an alternative schedule whereby responses to data requests would be due by November 17, 2011 and the technical session be rescheduled from November 16, 2011 to November 21, 2011. Finally, PSNH said it would be agreeable to changing the date for Staff Testimony from November 23 to November 28, 2011 to provide sufficient time for parties to review discovery responses.

The Commission has concluded that the applicable standards for a waiver are satisfied and has therefore granted the motion to waive the 10-day deadline for submitting objections to the data requests. Accordingly, PSNH shall serve objections to data requests no later than November 14, 2011. In addition, the Commission has determined that the proposed modifications to the procedural schedule are in the public interest and has approved the following:

Responses to Data Requests	Through 11/17/11
Technical Session	11/21/11 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff/Intervenor Testimony	11/28/11.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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