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RE: DE 11-216, Alternative Default Energy Service Rate
Partial Settlement Agreement

Pursuant to the procedural schedule in this docket, representatives of Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), the Staff of the Commission (Staff) and the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) participated in a settlement conference on October 1, 2012. Representatives of PSNH, Staff and the OCA have now reached a partial settlement on most issues in the docket and an original and six copies of a “Partial Settlement Agreement on Alternative Default Energy Service Rate” accompany this letter. This partial settlement agreement will be presented at the hearing scheduled for October 18, 2012.

Pursuant to Puc 203.20(e), settlements are generally to be filed no less than 5 days prior to the hearing. PSNH requests, however, that pursuant to Puc 203.20(f), the Commission accept the filing of this settlement 4 business days prior to the hearing. Accepting this partial settlement will help to narrow issues in the case and will thereby promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding. Further, the filing is sufficiently in advance of the hearing that its late submission will not impair the rights of any party to participate in the hearing.

Copies of this partial settlement will be provided to the parties on the service list for this proceeding. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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