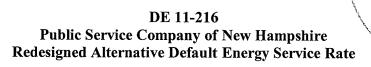
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Docket No. DE 11-216

Dear Ms. Howland:

This is a brief reply to PSNH's Objection to FEL's Motion to Dismiss PSNH's Revised Rate ADE filing.

FEL's Motion to Dismiss, in effect, requests the Commission to rule on five (5) issues of law prior to any evidentiary hearing. None of the five issues of law have been previously ruled upon by the Commission. A ruling in favor of FEL, and adverse to PSNH, on any one of the five issues, would require the Commission to dismiss PSNH's latest Rate ADE filing, and unburden the Commission from the need to hold an evidentiary hearing.

Accordingly, FEL urges the Commission not to be distracted by PSNH's Objection and to rule on the five threshold issues of law now before it.

I have enclosed 7 copies of this letter and I also certify that a copy of this Reply has been served electronically on the persons on the Commission's service list in this docket in accordance with Puc 203.11.

Sincerely,

/s/ James T. Rodier