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Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 11-250, Investigation of PSNH's Installation of Scrubber Technology at Merrimack Station

Dear Secretary Howland:

The January 29, 2014, letter from Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) attorney Robert A. Bersak regarding my Puc 203.18 comment letters <u>underscores</u> my point about secrecy in public dockets.

The secrecy of the PSNH engineering documents available only to those parties willing to sign a confidentiality agreement vitiates any ability to cross-examine the testimony of those describing the work done, including, but not limited to the Jacobs Consultancy testimony. A party who signs such an agreement has forfeited the effective use of cross-examination to test the integrity of substantive evidence. A party who has sworn secrecy regarding a document cannot refer to that document when examining a witness.

This is unacceptable in a public forum.

Please ensure that my January 23, 2014, letter and this letter is posted to the docket viewable on the Commission website.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: David Borden, Chairman and Senator Bradley, member, Electric Utility Restructuring Committee,

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