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Re: Proposed Default Energy Service Rate for 2015 – Docket No. DE 14-XXX

Dear Director Howland:

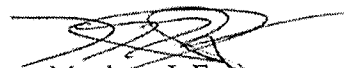
Enclosed for filing please find an original and six copies of a petition, and the testimony and attachments of Christopher J. Goulding containing an estimate and supporting documentation, for a Default Energy Service rate applicable to customers taking service from Public Service of New Hampshire ("PSNH") under its Default Energy Service Rate DE on and after January 1, 2015. Pursuant to RSA 369-B:3, IV(b)(1)(A), customers taking Default Energy Service from PSNH will be billed a default energy service rate reflecting PSNH's actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing power, as approved by the Commission.

Based upon the information contained in the filing, PSNH estimates that the rate for effect on January 1, 2015, absent scrubber-related costs, will be 8.63 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh"), a decrease of 0.26 cents per kWh from the previously effective rate of 8.89 cents per kWh. The estimated overall rate, including the 0.98 cents per kWh attributable to the scrubber temporary rate, will be 9.61 cents per kWh. Contemporaneous with this filing, PSNH is submitting a petition to adjust its average stranded cost recovery charge.

PSNH anticipates that the estimated rate in this filing will be revised during the course of the proceeding to incorporate the most up-to-date estimates and information. PSNH's requested rate will be based upon the revised estimates and relevant supporting documentation filed prior to the hearing on the merits and reflect any estimated over or under recovery from 2014.

PSNH requests that the Commission open a docket on this matter and schedule a pre-hearing conference so that a procedural schedule may be established that will provide for an order in sufficient time to permit PSNH to institute the new rate for January 1, 2015.

Very truly yours,

  
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Enclosures