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Re: DE 08-077, Public Service Company of New Hampshire Petition for Approval of Power Purchase Agreement and Renewable Energy Certificate with Lempster Disposition of Pending Motions

To the Parties:

On August 5, 2008, Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. (Constellation) filed a motion to compel Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) to respond to various data requests in the above referenced proceeding and, on August 12, 2008, it filed a motion to make Lempster Wind, LLC (Lempster) a mandatory party to this proceeding. On August 15, 2008, PSNH objected to Constellation's motions and moved to withdraw Constellation's grant of intervenor status.

In its August 12 motion, Constellation requests that Lempster be made a full party or, in the alternative, make representatives of Lempster available for discovery purposes noting that PSNH responded to data requests by stating that Lempster, not PSNH, possesses the requested information. Without this information, Constellation argues, the Commission will be unable to make the requisite public interest finding. In its response, PSNH, among other things, argues that Lempster's participation is not necessary for the Commission to fulfill its duties under RSA 362-F:9 and it further notes that Lempster is not a utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. In its August 15 filing, PSNH also requests that the Commission withdraw Constellation's intervenor status.

With respect to Constellation's motion to make Lempster a participant in this docket, the Commission denys all relief requested in the motion. Lempster's participation as a party to this docket is not necessary to the determination of whether the agreement between PSNH and Lempster is in the public interest. The burden of proving whether the agreement is in the public interest ultimately resides with PSNH.

With respect to PSNH's motion to withdraw Constellation's intervenor status, the Commission also denys this relief. Constellation demonstrated that it has "rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests" that may be affected by this proceeding and any change to its status is not warranted.

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Finally, with respect to Constellation's motion to compel PSNH to respond to data requests, inasmuch as the Commission has concluded that Lempster will not be a party to this docket, the parties should file an updated list of the data requests that are in dispute at the conclusion of the technical session scheduled for September 3, 2008.

Sincerely,

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