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Dear Chairman Getz and Commissioners:

With the cost for installation of mercury reducing scrubber technology at Merrimack Station in Bow having increased from the original estimate of \$250 million to \$475 million today, serious questions must be addressed regarding the basis for such an increase and the impact on ratepayers. I hope the PUC is able to complete this review as expeditiously as possible. Lengthy delay raises additional concerns, as construction costs may rise even higher, contractors wait to begin work and citizens worry about mercury pollution and the long-term stability of electric prices in our state.

Thank you for your attention to these issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

John H. Lynch  
Governor