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Re: Proposed Default Energy Service Rate for 2009 - Docket No. DE 08-____

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of the testimony and attachments of Robert A. Baumann containing an estimate and supporting documentation for a Default Energy Service rate applicable to PSNH's customers who take service under Default Energy Service Rate DE on and after January 1, 2009. Pursuant to RSA 369-B:3, IV(b)(1)(A), customers who take Default Energy Service from PSNH will be billed a Default Energy Service ("ES") rate equal to PSNH's actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing the power, as approved by the Commission. Based upon the data contained herein, PSNH currently estimates an ES rate for effect on January 1, 2009 of 10.51 cents per kilowatt-hour. This rate is 0.94 cents per kilowatt-hour higher than the current ES rate of 9.57 cents per kilowatt-hour. PSNH is today making a contemporaneous filing for Stranded Cost Recovery Charge rate of 0.90¢ per kWh.

As in the case of the last proceeding, PSNH anticipates that the estimated ES rate will be revised during the course of this proceeding to incorporate the most recent estimates of fuel and energy prices. PSNH's requested rate will be based upon this revised estimate and supporting documentation filed prior to the final hearing on the merits and will reflect any over or under recovery of ES for 2008.

PSNH requests that the Commission open a docket and schedule a pre-hearing conference so that a procedural schedule can be established that will provide for an order by the Commission in sufficient time to enable the new Default Energy Service rate to take effect January 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
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Default Energy Service Rate
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