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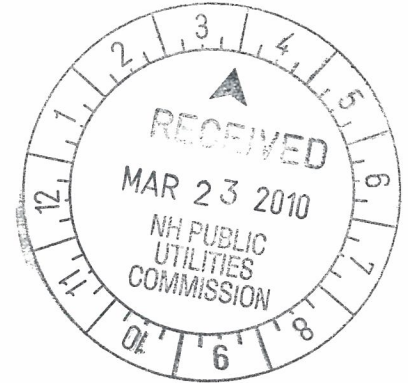
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March 23, 2010

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Distribution Service Rate Case - Docket No. DE 09-035



Dear Secretary Howland:

Representatives of the Staff of the Commission, the Office of Consumer Advocate and Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("Parties and Staff") have been conducting productive settlement discussions over the past several weeks. We believe that we are close to reaching a comprehensive settlement agreement.

The procedural schedule in this proceeding calls for rebuttal testimony to be filed on or before March 24, 2010. At this time, the Parties and Staff recommend that this date for filing rebuttal testimony be suspended and possibly be revisited if necessary. The procedural schedule also provides for a settlement to be filed by April 9, 2010. The Parties and Staff believe this date for filing a settlement can be met so that the Commission may review the settlement when hearings on the merits begin on April 19, 2010. I am authorized to represent that the Staff of the Commission and the Office of Consumer Advocate concur in this request.

Copies of this filing are being provided to all parties by electronic mail.

Very truly yours,

Gerald M. Eaton  
Senior Counsel

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