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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street Suite 10
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Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Distribution Service Rate Case - Docket No. DE 09-035

Dear Secretary Howland:

On April 9, 2010, Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") filed a letter in this proceeding requesting that the procedural schedule be suspended. In that letter, PSNH represented that representatives of the Staff of the Commission ("Staff"), the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") and PSNH (collectively herein "the Parties and Staff") had been conducting settlement discussions and requested more time from the procedural schedule's date of April 9, 2010 to file a comprehensive settlement agreement. By Secretarial Letter of April 14, 2010, the Commission granted the suspension of the procedural schedule and accepted the Parties and Staff's offer to file a settlement agreement by April 23, 2010.

The Parties and Staff have reached a tentative settlement of all issues; however, a comprehensive settlement document must be finalized. PSNH believes the settlement agreement can be executed and filed during the week of April 26, 2010. Two days have been reserved on the Commission's calendar to consider the settlement, May 10 and May 12. PSNH suggests that filing of a settlement no later than April 30, 2010 will allow the Commission and other parties adequate time to review the settlement before a hearing on May 10 or May 12. *See*, Puc 203 .20(e). PSNH requests that the Commission allow the Parties and Staff additional time to file a settlement agreement, no later than April 30, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald M. Eaton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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