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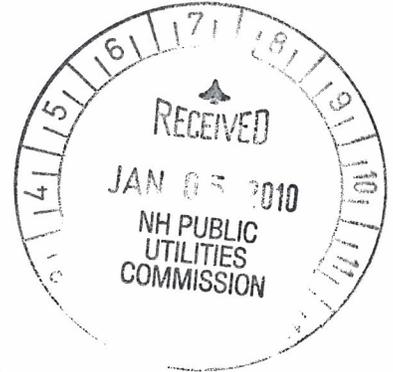
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January 5, 2010

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

Re: Docket No. DE 09-186
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Renewable Energy Service Option
Letter Requesting Waive of Rules



Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket, a settlement agreement was to be filed today. The hearing in this matter is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

Staff has been in settlement discussions with Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH). We are close to reaching an agreement on PSNH's filing but will require additional time to file a settlement with the Commission. Therefore, pursuant to N. H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 201.05, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission waive the procedural schedule. Further, Staff requests that the Commission waive Puc 203.20(e) which requires settlement agreements to be filed 5 days before the hearing. We expect to file an agreement by the end of this week.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne G. Amidon".

Suzanne G. Amidon
Staff Attorney

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