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

> Re: Docket No. DE 10-122 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Petition for Approval of Issuance of Long Term Debt and Related Relief Report on Technical Session and Proposed Procedural Schedule

## Dear Ms. Howland:

On May 3, 2010, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a petition seeking authority to issue up to \$600 million in principal amount of long-term debt through December 31, 2012 and related relief. A prehearing conference was held on June 29, 2010 pursuant to an Order of Notice issued by the Commission on June 1, 2010.

The New Hampshire Sierra Club (NHSC) filed a motion to intervene which the Commission took under advisement.

The parties met in technical session following the prehearing conference. At the technical session, PSNH elaborated on its statement at the prehearing conference regarding its intent to modify the amount of long-term debt it requested in its filing. PSNH said it would be filing supplemental testimony with such a modification in about two weeks.

Also at the technical session, the parties agreed to the following procedural schedule with the exception noted below. The procedural schedule is intended to address PSNH's request that the Commission issue an order on the instant filing by September 30, 2010. Consistent with that request, PSNH has agreed to respond to data requests within one week, and to specifically ask for an extension if necessary.

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Data Requests to PSNH

Responses from PSNH

Technical Session

2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Data Requests

Responses to 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

Staff and Intervenor Testimony

Technical Session

Hearing on the Merits

July 9, 2010

July 16, 2010

August 9:00 a.m.

August 4, 2010

August 11, 2010

August 20, 2010

September 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

September 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

NHSC disagreed with the last three dates proposed in the procedural schedule and will be making a separate recommendation to the Commission consistent with its concerns.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this proposed procedural schedule. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Suzanne G. Amidon Staff Attorney

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