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The Northeast Utilities System

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director & Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301



Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire – Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the North Branch River in the Town of Antrim, New Hampshire

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission please find the original and six copies of Public Service Company of New Hampshire's Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the North Branch River in the Town of Antrim, New Hampshire, with attached exhibits. A copy of this filing is being provided to the Office of Consumer Advocate.

PSNH respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order Nisi with respect to the enclosed Petition. As stated in the Petition, this water crossing is necessary for the relocation of an existing PSNH distribution circuit to accommodate the replacement of a bridge across the North Branch River. This is a State of New Hampshire bridge replacement project. Because of federal funding associated with the project, there is a very tight construction schedule, and the crossing license authority to relocate the PSNH line is needed as soon as possible. To the extent the Commission's resources allow, we would appreciate any effort that can be made to accommodate this need.

Should there be any technical questions concerning this filing, they may be directed to PSNH Engineer David M. Still, at 634-2078. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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