

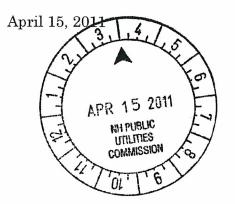
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Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire Distribution Service Rate Case - Docket No. DE 09-035 February 2010 Wind Storm Costs

Dear Secretary Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of a filing requesting rate recovery of the net costs of storm restoration incurred by Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") during the wind storm of February 2010. During PSNH's last general rate case (Docket No. DE 09-035), the costs of the February 2010 windstorm were not known. In Section 7.3 of the Settlement Agreement on Permanent Distribution Service Rates (Settlement Agreement) approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,123, the Parties and Staff agreed to meet once the final costs of the February 2010 Wind storm were known. A draft filing was circulated to Commission Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA"). The Staff and OCA have agreed to PSNH making this filing but take no position on the merits.

The Audit Division of the Commission is in the process of completing an audit of those costs. PSNH estimates the net storm related costs to be recovered from customers at \$12,225,000. In this filing, PSNH has included a technical statement and attachments of Robert A. Baumann. As described in the technical statement, PSNH proposes an increase to Distribution rates on July 1, 2011 of \$3.056 million, which will provide a four-year recovery period for these storm costs. A supporting calculation is attached to this Technical Statement as Attachment Storm-1.

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PSNH requests that the Commission issue an order in this docket authorizing PSNH to increase its distribution revenue requirements effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2011 in accordance with its proposal.

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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