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August 23, 2011

Re: DE 11-184, Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Joint Petition for Approval of Power Purchase and Sale Agreements and  
Settlement Agreement

To the Parties:

Docket No. DE 11-184 seeks approval of purchased power agreements between Public Service Company of New Hampshire and five small power producers. According to pleadings filed in the New Hampshire Supreme Court in Docket No. 2011-0348, the agreements have been negotiated over a number of weeks between the small power producers, PSNH, and principals developing the Berlin BioPower biomass facility. It is apparent that Governor Lynch was instrumental in convening the parties and that his counsel, Jeffrey Meyers, to whom I am married, was a direct participant in negotiations leading to the agreements filed with the Commission. He and I have not discussed the negotiations or terms of the agreements. Nevertheless, I have concluded it is best that I disqualify myself from this proceeding, inasmuch as my "impartiality might be reasonably questioned" under these circumstances. See RSA 363:12, VII.

This letter will be placed in the docket file and posted on the Commission's website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Ignatius".

Amy L. Ignatius  
Commissioner

cc: Service List  
Docket File DE 11-184