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Ms. Debra A. Howland
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**Re: Docket No. DE 11-250, Public Service Company of New Hampshire,
Investigation of Scrubber Costs and Cost Recovery
Request for Accounting Statement Clarification**



Dear Secretary Howland:

Delays in the procedural schedule for Docket No. DE 11-250, Investigation of Scrubber Costs and Cost Recovery, have exacerbated an accounting issue under SFAS No. 71 creating a mismatch on PSNH's books between deferrals for rate purposes and for financial reporting purposes. This has resulted in a negative financial impact on PSNH's reported generation earnings.

As described in the accompanying "Technical Statement of Stephen R. Hall and Michael L. Shelnitz," PSNH is seeking an accounting statement clarification from the Commission which would allow the company to recognize the equity portion of the Cost of Capital component of Scrubber costs in their entirety, as they are incurred., consistent with applicable accounting standards, which would result in a matching of such costs to the timing of recovery and use of the asset.

Because PSNH's books close on a quarterly basis, the Company respectfully requests that action be taken on this request by the end of February.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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