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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND VIA EMAIL
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 11-250, Public Service Company of New Hampshire Investigation of Scrubber Costs and Cost Recovery – Request for Technical Session

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing with regard to the above-captioned docket on behalf of TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd. and TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc., the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Conservation Law Foundation and the Sierra Club requesting that the Commission schedule a technical session for the purpose of providing an opportunity for follow up questions on the PSNH rebuttal witnesses.

On July 11, 2014 PSNH submitted over 700 pages of rebuttal testimony and attachments on behalf of eight witnesses, seven of whom were new witnesses who had not previously filed testimony in this docket. While the OCA and the parties have had an opportunity to do discovery on those witnesses we have not had a technical session to ask follow up questions of these witnesses, as is typically the case in Commission dockets. We discussed this issue with the parties and the Commission's General Counsel during the technical session on August 18, 2014.

While we understand the need to stick with the schedule that the Commission has put forth without any further delays, we submit that this is an extremely important case and that the parties ought to have the same opportunity as in other commission dockets. We also believe that there is sufficient time in the schedule to accommodate a one day technical session and that in the interest of administrative efficiency it could be combined with another prehearing event scheduled in this docket, such as one of the hearings already on the Commission's schedule. Moreover, we believe that having a technical session may help to make the hearing on the merits go more smoothly by reducing or eliminating some lines of inquiry. To the extent that the Commission is willing to entertain this request we would respectfully suggest that it would work the best if the tech session took place after the Commission has ruled on pending motions to strike testimony.

Thank you for your considering our request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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