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December 27, 2012

Re: DE 12-291, Public Service Company of New Hampshire Stranded Cost Recovery Charge Adjustment

DE 12-292, Public Service Company of New Hampshire 2013 Default Energy Service Rate

To the Parties:

On December 18, 2012, the Commission conducted a public hearing on matters presented in each of these dockets. At the DE 12-292 hearing, the Commission made a record request of Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) for evidence of PSNH's compliance with the statutory requirement that requested rate changes be consistent with the utility's applicable least cost plan. *See* RSA 378:40 and 378:41. On the following day, December 19, 2012, in response to the Commission's record request, PSNH filed an affidavit of its witness, Terrance J. Large, stating that PSNH's rate changes in both DE 12-291 and DE 12-292 were consistent with its least cost integrated resource plan most recently filed and found adequate by the Commission.

The Commission will accept PSNH's filing and will mark it as Exhibit 3 in DE 12-291 and Exhibit 6 in DE 12-292. In addition, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a response on December 24, 2012, to PSNH's affidavit. The Commission will mark the OCA response as Exhibit 4 in DE 12-291 and as Exhibit 7 in DE 12-292.

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