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21 South Fruit Street Suite 10
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Re: Docket No. DE 12-295
Power New England, LLC
Review of Public Service Company of New Hampshire Service Charges to
Competitive Electric Suppliers
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to a Supplemental Order of Notice issued on December 13, 2013 in the above-captioned docket, the Commission scheduled a prehearing conference and a hearing on temporary rates for January 13, 2014. The prehearing conference was attended by Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), Staff and the following intervenors in the docket: Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA), North American Power & Gas (NAPG), and Electricity N.H., LLC d/b/a E.N.H. Power (ENH), and the petitioner Power New England, LLC (PNE). No new parties moved to intervene in this portion of the proceeding.

The parties and Staff met in technical session after the prehearing conference and hearing on temporary rates. The Commission requested that the parties and Staff use the technical session to develop a procedural schedule and an agreed-upon scope of the incremental cost study required of PSNH pursuant to Order No. 25,603 (December 13, 2013).

For purposes of the incremental cost study, the parties agreed that incremental costs are short-term additional costs calculated on a transactional basis. By way of illustration, costs incurred by PSNH to develop a billing system under this agreement would not be considered incremental costs; the costs of submitting a customer switch from PSNH to a competitive supplier would be considered a transactional cost to be included in the

incremental cost study. Based on this definition, PSNH stated that it would be able to complete the incremental cost study within 2 months.

The parties and Staff agreed on the following procedural schedule.

PSNH to file cost study, proposed permanent tariff and technical statement supporting rate	March 13, 2014
Data Requests on cost study	March 28, 2014
Responses to Data Requests	April 11, 2014
Technical Session	April 17, 2014 (10:00 a.m.)
Intervenor/OCA/Staff Testimony	May 2, 2014
Data Requests on Testimony	May 16, 2014
Responses to Data Requests	May 30, 2014
Settlement Conference	June 5, 2014 (10:00 a.m.)
Merits Hearing	June 19, 2014

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed agreed-upon procedural schedule.

At the technical session, the parties and Staff discussed the possibility of developing an agreed-upon temporary rate for the supplier charges that are the subject of this docket. Staff will keep the Commission informed of the status of these discussions as soon as possible for the Commission to consider in setting temporary rates.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on the parties to this proceeding at the same time it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,



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