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Re: Interim Change in the Default Energy Service Rate - Docket No. DE 07-096

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of the testimony and attachments of Robert A. Baumann containing a recalculation and supporting documentation for a Default Energy Service rate applicable to PSNH's customers who take service under Default Energy Service Rate D on and after July 1, 2008. PSNH currently calculates that there will be an increase in the rate from the current 8.82 cents per kilowatt-hour to 9.25 cents per kilowatt-hour. As is customary, PSNH will file updated projections of costs and actual experience through April; therefore, the rate PSNH ultimately requests may differ from the current calculation.

PSNH requests that the Commission reopen this proceeding and schedule a hearing so that a final determination of a rate may be made by June 24, 2008. PSNH plans to make the transition from the current Customer Billing System to the new C2 System on July 1, 2008. It would be preferable to have a week in which to test the new rate on the new billing system. PSNH has discussed this matter with Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate, and a hearing date of June 11, 2008 was reserved for this matter on the Commission's schedule.

Concurrently with this filing, PSNH is requesting the Commission to reopen the Stranded Cost Recovery Charge (SCRC) proceeding to enable PSNH to request a change in the SCRC on July 1, 2008. Copies have been provided to the persons on the attached service list pursuant to Puc§203.02 and Puc §203.11.

Sincerely,

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