



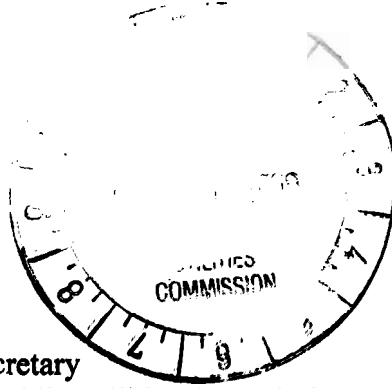
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Re: Petition for Approval of Power Purchase Agreements with Pinetree Power, Inc. and  
Pinetree Power-Tamworth, Inc. - Docket No. DE 07- 125

Dear Ms. Howland:

On November 20, 2007, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a petition pursuant to RSA 362-F:9, requesting approval of two agreements for the purchase of capacity, energy and renewable energy certificates with Pinetree Power-Tamworth, Inc. and Pinetree Power, Inc. (Bethlehem). On the same date, PSNH filed a Motion for Protective Order regarding certain confidential terms contained in two agreements. Redacted copies of the agreements were filed with the petition and testimony, while unredacted copies were filed with the Motion for Protective Order. Also at this time, PSNH served copies of these filings, including both versions of the agreements, upon the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA).

At the hearing on the merits held on March 5, 2008, the Chairman asked the Parties and Staff to address the issue of the period of time during which any protective order might last concerning the confidential terms of the contracts. The Staff of the Commission, the Office of Consumer Advocate and PSNH have agreed to recommend to the Commission that the term of the protective order should be the same as the term of the contracts, i.e. through December 31, 2010. Periodic reporting of actual results under the two agreements for purposes of Independent Power Producer reports and Default Energy Service reports and filings will be made with other purchased power data based upon monthly results. The monthly results do not disclose the specific contractual terms and conditions and therefore, it is anticipated that additional confidential treatment will not be required during the term of these agreements.

Copies of this letter have been sent to the persons on the attached service list

Very truly yours,

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