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Debra A. Howland  
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10  
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Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire – Petition for Licenses to Construct Fiber Optic Cable and to Maintain Electric Lines and Fiber Optic Cable Over and Across Public Waters and/or Public Lands in the City of Keene and the Towns of Troy and Swanzey, New Hampshire

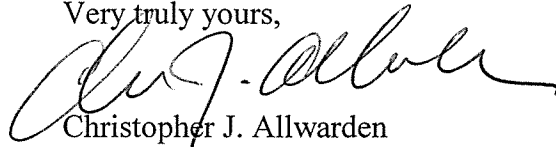
Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission please find the original and six (6) copies of Petition of Public Service Company of New Hampshire for Licenses to Construct Fiber Optic Cable and to Maintain Electric Lines and Fiber Optic Cable Over and Across Public Waters and/or Public Lands in the City of Keene and the Towns of Troy and Swanzey, New Hampshire, with attachments. A copy of this filing has been provided to the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and to The Liberty Consulting Group.

PSNH respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order Nisi with respect to this Petition. For reasons which are detailed in Paragraph 16 of the Petition, the project which is the subject of this application is of critical need. PSNH's installation of the ADSS fiber optic cable must be completed and in service by not later than October 17, 2008. **Accordingly, PSNH has specifically requested in its Petition that the Commission expedite its consideration of this filing, issue an Order Nisi by not later than one week from today's date of filing, and provide in said Order for the necessary publication and notices in a time frame that specifies not later than October 10, 2008 for said Order to become effective absent objection or request for a hearing.**

Should there be any technical questions concerning this filing, they may be directed to Laura V. Games, PSNH Project Siting & Permitting Specialist, at 634-2906, or David L. Plante, P.E., PSNH Project Manager-Transmission, at 634-3078. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris J. Allwarden", written over the typed name.

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