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Re: DE 09-035 Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Distribution Service Rate Case
Report of Technical Session/Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Representatives of Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and Commission Staff participated in a technical session following the pre-hearing conference on June 10, 2009. The matters discussed included a proposed procedural schedule and certain clarifications to the discovery responses previously provided by PSNH to the OCA and Staff.

It is believed that more parties may seek intervention in the permanent rate case than have petitioned for intervention in connection with PSNH's request for temporary rates. Since the interests of such parties regarding a procedural schedule for the portion of the docket relating to permanent rates cannot be known at this time, the participants at the technical session agreed that it would be preferable not to establish a proposed procedural schedule for the permanent rate portion at this time. The participants did, however, agree to recommend that rolling discovery by OCA and Staff on PSNH regarding permanent rates commence immediately, with responses due by PSNH within ten days pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.09(f).

It is anticipated that following the filing of the permanent rate schedules on or before July 1, 2009 as described in PSNH's letter filed on May 19, 2009, a further order of notice will be issued providing for a pre-hearing conference and technical session regarding permanent rates; thus, a full procedural schedule, including further provisions regarding discovery, can be proposed at the time of the pre-hearing conference.

Regarding a procedural schedule for temporary rates, rolling discovery by Staff and OCA, with responses expected within ten days, is already under way. The participants in the proceeding have agreed to have further discussions regarding temporary rates with the aim of having an agreement, if any, to be filed prior to the scheduled July 13, 2009 hearing on temporary rates. An

order on temporary rates by no later than July 31, 2009 is anticipated in order to accommodate any rate changes commencing the August 1, 2009 date noted in PSNH's letter filed on May 29, 2009.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward N. Damon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Edward" and last name "Damon" clearly legible.

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