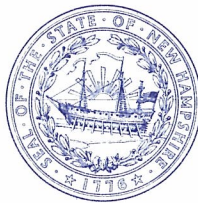


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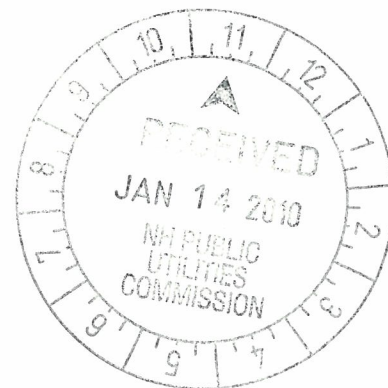
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RE: DE 09-035 PSNH Distribution Rate Case

Dear Ms. Howland:

I write to request that the Commission direct its Audit Staff to formally file a copy of the Staff Audit of PSNH with the Commission's Executive Director, for filing in this docket. We make this request because the OCA's testimony, which will be filed tomorrow, includes several recommendations based upon Staff's Audit findings, and the same may be true for other parties. As a result, we believe that having this document in the record will assist the Commission in its consideration of this case, and will allow the parties to easily reference it during hearings. Although we received a copy of the Audit report, and we expect to include or reference excerpts from this report in our testimony, the OCA takes the position that this report is an integral part of the Commission's review of PSNH's rate case filing, and, as such, should be formally filed in the docket, and available as such to all of the parties, as well as to the general public.

We have served a copy of this letter upon on all parties on the Commission's service list by electronic mail. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Hatfield".

Meredith A. Hatfield
Consumer Advocate

cc: Service List via electronic mail

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