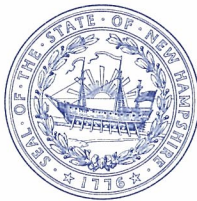


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Re: Docket No. DE 10-195
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Petition for Approval of Purchase Power Agreement
Staff Testimony—Confidential Exhibit



Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket, Staff filed the testimony of Thomas C. Frantz and George R. McCluskey on December 17, 2010. On December 20, 2010, Staff filed a confidential exhibit (GRM-10) to the testimony of Mr. McCluskey. The purpose of this letter is to explain why Staff filed GRM-10 as confidential.

GRM-10 contains pricing information for the years 2014 through 2028 related to the purchase power agreement between Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) and Lempster Wind that was approved by the Commission in Docket No. DE 08-077 (Order No. 24,965) on May 1, 2009. Footnote 2 in Order No. 24,965 indicates that the Commission, at the June 27, 2008 prehearing conference in DE 08-077, found the pricing information in the agreement between PSNH and Lempster Wind to be confidential and exempt from public disclosure. See, also, Staff's report of the prehearing conference in a letter filed on June 30, 2008 in Docket No. DE 08-077. Because the Commission previously found the Lempster Wind PPA pricing information to be confidential, Staff filed GRM-10 on a confidential basis.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne G. Amidon".

Suzanne G. Amidon
Staff Attorney

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