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December 29, 2011

Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

> Re: Docket No. DE 11-255 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Renewable Energy Service Option Rate

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Dear Ms. Howland:

On December 28, 2011, the Commission held a prehearing conference in the abovecaptioned docket. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter with the Commission stating that it would participate in this docket on behalf of residential ratepayers pursuant to RSA 363:28. No petitions to intervene were filed.

At the prehearing conference, Staff said that it would be holding a technical session on January 6, 2012 to review the renewable energy service option (RESO) tariff proposed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) in this docket and, generally, the RESO program of PSNH, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid. Staff informed the Commission that the OCA is aware of the proposed January 6, 2012 technical session.

Following the prehearing conference, PSNH and Staff met in technical session to discuss a proposed procedural schedule. Staff agreed to submit data requests before the January 6 technical session. Staff does not anticipate the need to file testimony in this proceeding, however, the OCA was unable to attend the prehearing conference and if as a result any changes need to be made to this truncated procedural schedule Staff will so promptly inform the Commission. The proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

Technical Session (all companies) Merits hearing (DE 11-255 only) January 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. January 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Tel. (603) 271-2431

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Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed procedural schedule. I certify that a copy of this letter will be sent by electronic mail to the service list when the letter is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

Suzanne G. Amidon Staff Attorney

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