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Re: Delivery Service Tariff NHPUC No. 8 Effective July 1, 2013

Dear Ms. Howland:

In compliance with the Commission's Order No. 25,532 dated June 27, 2013 in Docket DE 12-291 (Mid-Year Adjustment to Stranded Cost Recovery Charge – Order Following Hearing); Order No. 25,533 dated June 27, 2013 in Docket DE 13-167 (Petition for Approval of Change to Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism - Order Granting Petition); Order No. 25,534 dated June 27, 2013 in Docket DE 13-127 (Petition for Step Adjustment to Reflect Change in Net Plant, Major Storm Cost Reserve and Removal of Certain Costs – Order Following Hearing); and Order No. 25,535 dated June 27, 2013 in Docket DE 12-292 (Petition for Interim Adjustment to Default Energy Service Rate – Order Following Hearing); the following tariff pages are transmitted herewith:

NHPUC No. 8 - Electricity Delivery Public Service of New Hampshire

2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Pages 19A and 60

3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Pages 58, 61, 64, 68, 71, 77, 78 and 84

5<sup>th</sup> Revised Page 72

6<sup>th</sup> Revised Pages 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 52, 55, 59, 62, 66, 67, 76 and 83

7<sup>th</sup> Revised Page 94

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Additionally, PSNH is making minor wording changes to the following tariff pages:

1<sup>st</sup> Revised Pages 7, 11, 23, 88, 92 and 93

3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Page 48

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## Compliance Tariff Pages

In Order No. 25,532, the Commission approved a decrease in PSNH's average Stranded Cost Recovery Charge rate from 0.737 to 0.127 cents per kilowatt-hour. In Order No. 25,533, the Commission approved an increase in the average Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism rate from 1.359 to 1.714 cents per kilowatt-hour. In Order No. 25,534, the Commission approved an increase of \$12.555 million in PSNH's Distribution rate level. In Order No. 25,535, the Commission approved a decrease in PSNH's Default Energy Service Rate DE from 9.540 to 8.620 cents per kilowatt-hour.

In lieu of filing black-lined tariff pages denoting the rate changes, PSNH has enclosed a report entitled "Comparison of Rates Effective January 1, 2013 and July 1, 2013" which compares the newly-effective rates with the rates previously in effect. Rates are shown by rate schedule and rate component so that the changes can be easily identified.

## Minor Wording Changes

In Order 25,488 in Docket DE 11-216, the Commission approved new Alternate Default Energy Service Rate ADE effective July 1, 2013 for customers on Rates GV, LG and B. The rate will become available to all other customers within nine months. As a result, PSNH has revised the definition of "Default Energy Service" on Page 7 of its tariff to encompass Rate ADE as well as Rate DE. Specific references to Rate DE on tariff pages 11, 23, 48, 88, 92 and 93 have been revised to refer to the new, broader definition of Default Energy Service.

We are filing these tariff pages in both black-lined and "clean" versions.

## Supplemental Information on the Filing

The enclosed "Summary of Rates Effective July 1, 2013" shows, by rate schedule and rate component, all the rates and changes in PSNH's tariff. The enclosed "Report of Proposed Rate Changes" shows the resulting change in revenue for each of PSNH's major rate classes. Assuming that all customers receive service under Default Energy Service Rate DE, these changes would result in an annual revenue decrease of approximately \$77.4 million or 6.2 percent. We have also enclosed a schedule of "Typical Bill Comparisons" based on the previous rates and the new rates. The Residential Service Rate R monthly bill for 500 kilowatt-hours (with no water heating), previously \$92.43, will decrease by \$4.68 to \$87.75 on July 1, 2013, or by 5.1 percent.

## Customer Notification

A message will be placed on customers' bills rendered on or after July 1, 2013 informing them of the rate changes. In addition, an article describing the rate changes in greater detail will be placed in PSNH's "Living with Energy" bill insert and will be included with customers' bills rendered on or after August 1, 2013.

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Please let us know if there are any questions concerning this filing. We are sending one signed original copy of all filing materials and three conformed copies. We request that one conformed copy bearing the Commission's date-of-receipt stamp be returned.

Very truly yours,

Lois B. Jones

Lois B. Jones Team Lead, Rates Department

LBJ:kd Enclosures cc: Susan Chamberlin, OCA