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RE: DE 12-295, Petition for Review of Certain PSNH Charges to Competitive Suppliers  
PSNH's Request for Clarification

Dear Director Howland:

On December 13, 2013, the Commission issued Order No. 25,603 in the above-referenced docket. In that Order, the Commission, among other things, required that PSNH commence a cost of service study relative to certain charges in its tariff and advise the Commission of the schedule for that study within 30 days of the date of the Commission's Order. Concurrent with that Order, the Commission issued a supplemental order of notice setting a prehearing conference and hearing on temporary rates on those same charges for January 13, 2014, the same day the schedule for the cost of service study would be due to the Commission.

In general, PSNH understands that different requirements apply in a prehearing conference as opposed to a hearing on temporary rates, and as a result there may be differences both in the matters presented to the Commission and the manner in which they are presented in each type of proceeding. It is not clear to PSNH from the text of Order No. 25,603, or the supplemental order of notice, how those differing requirements would be implemented at the proceeding on January 13, 2014. Accordingly, PSNH is requesting that the Commission provide, by whatever means it deems appropriate, clarification of the matters to be discussed at the January 13, 2014 proceeding and the manner in which those matters should be presented for the Commission's consideration. PSNH requests that any clarification be provided sufficiently in advance of the January 13, 2014 proceeding to permit PSNH and the other parties to adequately prepare for that proceeding.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Matthew J. Fossum

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