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RE: Petition for Recovery of Pre-staging Costs Through the Major Storm Cost Reserve

Dear Ms. Howland,

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of a petition requesting recovery of the costs of pre-staging for major storms through Public Service Company of New Hampshire's (PSNH) Major Storm Cost Reserve (MSCR). Included with this petition is the testimony and attachments of David L. Bickford and Stephen R. Hall supporting PSNH's proposal.

The MSCR recovers from customers a specified annual amount in distribution rates that is to be used to offset costs incurred in the event that a Major Storm occurs. Currently, certain pre-staging or preparation costs are not recoverable from the MSCR when an anticipated storm does not ultimately escalate to the level of a Major Storm. By this petition, PSNH seeks to establish certain recovery criteria that will support the funding of planning and pre-staging costs in advance of potential Major Storms. Under this proposal, the planning and pre-staging costs incurred in such an instance would be eligible for recovery from the MSCR, even in the event that the anticipated storm does not rise to the level of a Major Storm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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