

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
before the  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

Request for Permanent Distribution Rates Change  
Docket No. DE 09-035

Certification of Exogenous Events  
Calendar Year 2011

## I. Introduction

The Settlement Agreement on Permanent Distribution Service Rates (“Settlement Agreement”) approved by the Commission in the docket referenced above includes SECTION 12 titled EXOGENOUS EVENTS which states:

**12.1 During the term of this Settlement Agreement, PSNH will be allowed to adjust distribution rates upward or downward resulting from Exogenous Events, as defined below.**

Section 12 contains the following five specific exogenous events that could trigger a rate change:

12.2.1 State Initiated Cost Change

12.2.2 Federally Initiated Cost Change

12.2.3 Regulatory Cost Reassignment

12.2.4 Externally Imposed Accounting Rule Change

12.3 Excessive Inflation

Section 12.4 requires PSNH to file with the Commission, no later than March 31 of each year during the term of this Settlement Agreement, a Certification of Exogenous Events for the prior calendar year. This filing meets the certification obligation for 2011.

## II. PSNH Certification of Exogenous Events in 2011

After review, PSNH has determined that there were no exogenous events in 2011 related specifically to Sections 12.2.1, 12.2.2, 12.2.3, 12.2.4 or 12.3 that would trigger a rate adjustment in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

### III. All rate impacts on July 1, 2012 related to the Settlement Agreement

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, there will be a change to the Distribution rates effective July 1, 2012 for the step increase from the change in net plant balances between March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2012. PSNH's current best estimate of the total amount of the change, compared to the changes anticipated in Section 2.4 of the Settlement Agreement is shown below. We are providing this early in the process so that all interested parties have this information as to the future Distribution rate change. PSNH will be updating its estimate as more current financial information becomes available. The revenue requirement impact is as follows:

	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Settlement</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	( millions of dollars)		
Step increase – Net plant	<u>\$6.5</u> (est.)	<u>\$9.5</u>	<u>\$(3.0)</u>

The \$6.5 million is an estimate using actual net plant balances as of December 31, 2011 and budgeted values as of March 31, 2012 in accordance with Section 5 of the Settlement Agreement. This value will be finalized using actual March 31, 2012 net plant values and will be filed with the Commission on or before April 30, 2012.