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September 3, 2009

Mr. Timothy Costello  
Vice President, Natural Gas Division  
Buckley Energy Group, LTD. d/b/a Santa Buckley Energy  
154 Admiral Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06601

Re: DM 09-080, Buckley Energy Group, LTD. d/b/a Santa Buckley Energy  
Registration as a Competitive Natural Gas Supplier – Motion for Confidential Treatment

Dear Mr. Costello:

On April 27, 2009, Buckley Energy Group, Ltd. d/b/a Santa Buckley Energy (Santa Buckley Energy) applied for registration with the Commission as a competitive natural gas supplier pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 3000. On May 21, 2009, a Secretarial Letter approving the application was issued. On July 1, 2009 Santa Buckley Energy filed a motion pursuant to Puc 203.08 for confidential treatment of the financial information submitted with its application. On July 23, 2009, a letter was filed by Commission Staff (Staff) recommending that the motion for confidential treatment be granted.

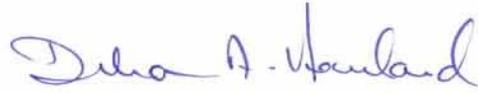
According to Staff, the information for which confidential treatment is sought is the combined financial statements of the parent and subsidiary corporations, including information on relevant internal accounting policies, financing arrangements, leases, and other similar information about the internal financial practices of the companies as well as information on the companies' credit arrangements and cash flows.

Under RSA 91-A:5, IV records of "confidential, commercial or financial information" are exempted from disclosure, and the New Hampshire Supreme Court has supplied a balancing test for determining whether certain documents meet this designation. *See, e.g., Union Leader Corp. v. N.H. Housing Fin. Auth.*, 142 N.H. 540, 552-54 (1997); *Lambert v. Belknap County Convention*, 157 N.H. 375, 382-83 (2008). The Commission has determined that in balancing the interests of the public in disclosure with the interests Santa Buckley Energy in non-disclosure, disclosing this information will harm the companies' competitive position by revealing its financial standing, while providing relatively little information to the public about the workings of the government. *See N.H. Housing Fin. Auth.*, 142 N.H. at 554-55.

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Accordingly, the Commission has granted Santa Buckley Energy's motion for confidential treatment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" being the most prominent.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director