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Re: Interim Change in the Default Energy Service Rate Docket No. DE 09-180

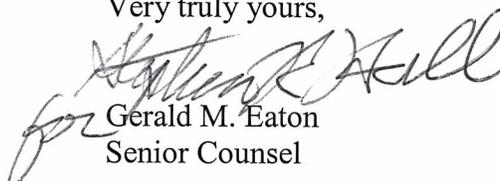
Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of the Prepared Direct Testimony of Robert A. Baumann with attachments and a Joint Technical Statement Robert A. Baumann and Frederick B. White containing a calculation and supporting documentation for a Default Energy Service (Energy Service) rate applicable to PSNH's customers who take service under Energy Service Rate DE on and after July 1, 2010. PSNH currently calculates that there will be a decrease from the current rate of 8.96 cents per kilowatt-hour to 8.57 cents per kilowatt-hour. This estimate includes actual costs through March 2010 and a projection of costs from April through December.

As was customary in the past, PSNH will file updated projections of costs and actual experience through April prior to the hearing in this matter; therefore, the rate PSNH ultimately requests may differ from the enclosed calculation. PSNH requests that the Commission reopen this proceeding and schedule a hearing so that a final determination of a rate may be made on or before June 28, 2010 to calculate and test all of the rate changes scheduled for July 1, 2010. Concurrently with this filing, PSNH is requesting the Commission to reopen the Stranded Cost Recovery Charge (SCRC) proceeding to enable PSNH to request a change in the SCRC on July 1, 2010. At the beginning of June PSNH will file a request for a new Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism rate also for effect on July 1, 2010.

Copies of this filing have been provided to the persons on the attached service list pursuant to Puc§203.02 and Puc §203.11.

Very truly yours,


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