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Debra A. Howland
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
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Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire – Petition For License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines, Static Wire and Fiber Optic Cable Over and Across the Public Waters of Oyster River in the Town of Barrington, Dube Brook and Oyster River in the Town of Lee, and Bean River, North River and Little River in the Town of Nottingham, New Hampshire

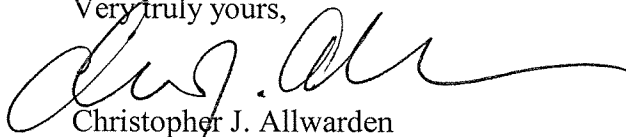
Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission please find the original and 7 copies of Petition of Public Service Company of New Hampshire for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines, Static Wire and Fiber Optic Cable Over and Across the Public Waters of Oyster River in the Town of Barrington, Dube Brook and Oyster River in the Town of Lee, and Bean River, North River and Little River in the Town of Nottingham, New Hampshire, with attached appendices and exhibits. A copy of this filing is being provided to the Office of Consumer Advocate.

PSNH respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order Nisi with respect to the enclosed Petition. As stated in the Petition, these six water crossings are an integral part of a necessary rebuild of PSNH's 115kV L-175 line, a project with an anticipated construction start date in February, 2010. In order to support the construction of the line rebuild project, PSNH projects it will need crossing license authority in place to construct the crossings effective March 1, 2010. To the extent the Commission's resources allow, we would appreciate any effort that can be made to accommodate this effective date in the Order Nisi.

Should there be any technical questions concerning this filing, they may be directed to PSNH Assistant Engineer Joseph Sperry, at 634-2562. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris. Allwarden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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