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Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Default Energy Service Rate - Docket No. DE 10-257



Dear Secretary Howland:

On December 16, 2010, Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") filed its response to Technical Session Data Request Set No. 01, Request 005 under a cover letter addressed to you seeking confidential treatment. PSNH proposed that the response to Tech Session Request No. 5 would be covered under an earlier Motion for Protective Order which had been filed in this proceeding on November 4, 2010 regarding PSNH's major maintenance schedule for its generating plants during 2011.

The Staff has since pointed out that Tech Session Request No. 005 contains similar information on generating plants' capacity factors as the information on capacity factors provided in PSNH's response to Staff-01, Q-Staff-008. A copy of that earlier response is attached to this letter. PSNH did not seek protection for the information in Staff-01, Q-Staff-008; therefore, we are withdrawing the request for confidentiality of the information in Tech Session Request No. 005. PSNH is not withdrawing the Motion for Protective Order regarding its major maintenance schedule for 2011.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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