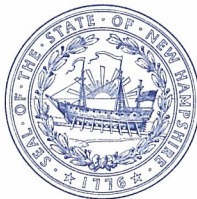


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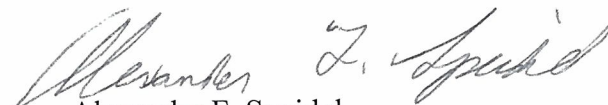
Re: Docket No. DE 10-314, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH)
2011 Proposed Renewable Default Energy Service Rate
Request to Suspend Proposed Tariff

Dear Ms. Howland:

This letter is in reference to PSNH's filing, pursuant to the settlement agreement established in Docket No. DE 09-186, and approved by the Commission by Order No. 25,080 (Order dated March 5, 2010), proposing revisions to PSNH's Renewable Default Energy Service Rate tariff, effective on January 1, 2011.

Staff requests that the Commission suspend, by secretarial letter, the proposed tariff at issue in the instant docket, to permit Staff to engage in additional analysis of PSNH's proposal, and to make informal queries of PSNH regarding its proposal. The Office of the Consumer Advocate also wishes to make informal queries regarding PSNH's Renewable Default Energy Service Rate program. After these queries are satisfied, Staff will tender a letter of recommendation on this docket. It is expected that the current Renewable Default Energy Service Rate tariff will remain in place during the pendency of Staff's, and the Commission's, review of this filing. Thank you in advance for the Commission's consideration of Staff's request.

Sincerely,


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