STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DT 11-075

PNE Energy Supply, LLC Registration as a Competitive Electric Supplier

MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Pursuant to RSA 91-A:5, IV and N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.08, PNE Energy Supply LLC, d/b/a Power New England ("PNE") hereby moves for a protective order to prevent public disclosure of the confidential and proprietary information included in and with its letter to the Commission dated February 15, 2012. In support of this Motion, PNE states as follows:

- 1. The information for which FairPoint seeks confidential treatment consists of letter itself and the accompanying affidavit. This information should be treated as proprietary and confidential information of PNE ("Confidential Information").
- 2. The Confidential Information pertains to short-term competitive strategy and operations, highly sensitive information that is not public knowledge or published elsewhere and for which PNE has taken measures to prevent dissemination in the ordinary course of business. As such, it constitutes confidential, commercial and financial information exempt from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:5, IV.
- 4. The Confidential Information derives economic value from not being generally known to and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure and use. Because the energy supply industry is highly competitive, PNE believes that disclosure of this information would impede full and fair competition. Unrestricted availability of this information would provide competitors with insight into the op-

erations of PNE and that is otherwise unavailable.

5. Due to the highly sensitive nature of the Confidential Information, it is appropriate for the Commission to limit access to it. The Confidential Information should solely be used by the Commission in exercising its governmental functions in considering the Joint Petition.

There is no legitimate purpose or public interest to be served in disclosing the Confidential Information to any person other than the appropriate staff of the Commission. Moreover, confidential treatment of this information will not adversely affect any interested party.

WHEREFORE, PNE respectfully requests that the Commission grant a Protective Order allowing the Confidential Information to be treated as confidential.

Dated: February 15, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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