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Debra Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: DE 11-215 PSNH 2012 Default Energy Service Rate
DE 11-216 PSNH Alternative Default Energy Service Rate

Dear Ms. Howland:

On November 15, 2011 the Commission issued a Secretarial letter announcing its decision that it would not consider costs related to the wet flue gas desulfurization system (Scrubber Project) at Merrimack Station in the above-referenced dockets, but instead would open another docket to consider "the in-service status, PSNH's prudence, the appropriate rate treatment and the costs of the Scrubber Project." On December 1, 2011 the Commission issued an Order of Notice commencing DE 11-250 for that purpose.

Prior to the decision to have a separate docket on scrubber costs, parties promulgated discovery questions upon PSNH related to the scrubber in the above-referenced dockets. The parties have agreed that the review of such discovery,¹ including objections and any resulting discovery disputes, would be best addressed in the new docket, DE 11-250. In addition, the parties agree that the deadline for motions to compel data responses will not apply to the existing discovery listed below until the new docket is underway, and that the parties will consider that issue when developing a schedule in the new case.

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¹ Specifically, the parties agreed that the following discovery requests in DE 11-215 would be transferred to the Scrubber docket: Staff 1-14 through 1-19, OCA 1-11, through 1-16, OCA 1-24 through 1-33 and all CLF Set 1 requests.

Thank you for your assistance, and do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MAH', is positioned above the printed name.

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cc: Service Lists via electronic mail