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Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Default Energy Service Rate for 2012 – Docket No. DE 11-215

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find the original and six copies of the Joint Testimony of Robert A. Baumann and William H. Smagula in the above-captioned matter. On September 23, 2011, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (“PSNH” or “the Company”) filed the Direct Testimony of Robert A. Baumann with exhibits and attachments, requesting the Commission to open a proceeding to set a Default Energy Service Rate for effect on January 1, 2012. That testimony explained that the initially proposed rate of 8.39 cents per kilowatt-hour would be updated once the wet flue gas desulfurization system (“Scrubber Project”) at Merrimack Station had been placed into service. As the enclosed joint testimony describes, the Scrubber Project was placed into service on September 28, 2011.

PSNH has included a forecast of the costs of the Scrubber Project from September 28, 2011 through 2012 to the calculation of the initially proposed Energy Service rate of 8.39 cents per kilowatt-hour. The resulting ES rate is 9.57 cents per kilowatt-hour. At this time, PSNH is not requesting this rate be approved. PSNH will update the request when more recent data on forward market prices are known closer to the date of the hearing on the merits.

Copies of this filing have been provided to all parties on the Commission’s Service List.

Very truly yours,

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