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December 15, 2011

Debra A. Howland  
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21 South Fruit Street Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DE 11-250  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Investigation of Scrubber Cost and Cost Recovery  
Request for Temporary Rates

**Report of Technical Session—Proposed Procedural Schedule**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On December 1, 2011, the Commission issued an Order of Notice in the above-captioned docket scheduling a prehearing conference for December 13, 2011. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter on December 12, 2011 stating that it would be participating in this proceeding pursuant to RSA 363:28. The following parties filed petitions to intervene: New England Power Generators Association, Inc.(NEPGA); TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd. and TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc. (TransCanada); Sierra Club; and Conservation Law Foundation (CLF).

Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed an objection to the petitions to intervene filed by TransCanada and NEPGA. PSNH requested that if the Commission granted TransCanada's and NEPGA's petitions, the Commission require TransCanada and NEPGA to combine their presentations of evidence and argument, cross-examination and participation in discovery in this docket given the commonality of their interests. TransCanada and NEPGA separately objected to PSNH's recommendations and asked that the Commission grant the petitions. The Commission accepted the petitions and took PSNH's recommendations and other argument under advisement.

At the prehearing conference, PSNH also recommended that the Commission should require Sierra Club and CLF to combine the presentation of evidence and argument, and that insofar as Sierra Club and CLF intervened on behalf of their members who are

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PSNH ratepayers, that those issues be worked in combination with the OCA. Both Sierra Club and CLF disagreed with PSNH's recommendations; the OCA objected to PSNH's recommendation stating that its duties are defined by statute. The Commission took PSNH's recommendations, OCA's objections and the arguments of Sierra Club and CLF under advisement.

The technical session took place with representatives of all parties present at the prehearing conference in attendance. Those parties agreed to the following procedural schedule with respect to PSNH's request to establish temporary rates for the scrubber project:

Data Requests re Temporary Rates	December 30, 2011
PSNH Responses	January 13, 2012
Technical Session	January 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
Testimony of Intervenors/Staff	February 3, 2012
Hearing on Temporary Rates	Feb. 15 and 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Staff expects to propose a schedule for the remainder of the proceeding at a later date.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. I certify that a copy of this letter will be emailed to the parties on the service list at the time Staff files of this letter with the Commission.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Amidon  
Staff Attorney

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