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December 23, 2011

Re: DE 11-250, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Investigation of Scrubber Cost and Cost Recovery
Request for Temporary Rates
Interventions and Procedural Schedule

To The Parties:

On December 13, 2011, a prehearing conference was held in the above-captioned docket. 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) objected to NEPGA's and TransCanada's interventions and requested that if the Commission allowed intervention it require that they act jointly throughout the docket. Although PSNH did not object to Sierra Club's and CLF's interventions, PSNH also requested that the Commission require them to combine their litigation efforts, and the Office of Consumer Advocate's, in this docket.

The Commission has determined that although NEPGA, TransCanada, Sierra Club and CLF have not demonstrated affected rights, duties, or privileges that mandate their intervention, given the particular circumstances of this docket their intervention requests will be granted pursuant to RSA 541:32, II. In order to further the prompt and orderly conduct of the proceeding, the Commission directs NEPGA and TransCanada to combine their discovery and cross-examination; similarly the Commission directs Sierra Club and CLF to combine their discovery and cross-examination; the OCA shall not be required to combine its efforts with any other parties. In addition, for the phase of this docket dealing with temporary rates, the Commission has shortened the time for motions to compel responses to data requests to five business days from receipt of responses or objections. *See* N.H. Code of Admin. R. Puc 203.09.

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On December 15, 2011, Commission Staff reported that during the technical session following the prehearing conference, the parties had reached agreement on a proposed procedural schedule for the temporary rates portion of the case. The Commission has approved the following procedural schedule:

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	February 15-16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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