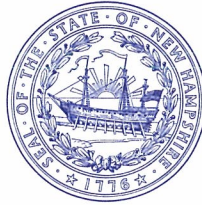


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Re: DE 14-238, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Determination Regarding PSNH's Generation Assets

Docket No. DE 11-250, Investigation of Merrimack Station
Scrubber Project and Cost Recovery

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced dockets are an original and six copies of the Office of Energy and Planning's ("OEP") response to Public Service Company of New Hampshire's ("PSNH") Motion to Stay Proceedings. As set forth in the enclosed response, OEP is prepared to participate in good faith settlement negotiations aimed at facilitating a resolution that would include meaningful rate relief for customers, protections for workers, economic benefits for the State, and environmental improvements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris G. Aslin".

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