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## 1 PROCEEDING

CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Good morning. We have a number of dockets today. Let's see if I can get them in the right order for a change. I'd like to begin with the hearing in Docket DE 13-274. This is PSNH's request to adjust its Stranded Cost Recovery Charge. This is a request for a midyear adjustment to its SCRC rate on a service rendered basis effective July 1, 2014. On May 5th, we circulated an order of notice calling for a hearing to begin this morning and asked for petitions to intervene.

So, why don't we begin with appearances, then see if there are any intervenors, and then talk about the presentation of evidence. Let's begin first with Mr. Fossum.

MR. FOSSUM: Good morning. Matthew Fossum, for Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Good morning.

MS. CHAMBERLIN: Susan Chamberlin,

Consumer Advocate. With me today is Jim Brennan and Stephen Eckberg.

22 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Good morning.

MS. AMIDON: Good morning. Suzanne

24 Amidon, for Commission Staff. With me today is Grant

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       Siwinski, an Analyst in the Electric Division.
                         CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Good morning.
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       have any requests for intervention?
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                         MS. AMIDON: I haven't seen any.
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                         CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Right.
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       nothing in the filing. Mr. Courchesne, I know you're
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       here. Are you just observing?
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                         MR. COURCHESNE: Yes. Good morning,
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       Commissioner. I am. I'm here for the 13-275 docket
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       that's upcoming. So, I will be observing this proceeding.
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                         CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: All right.
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       you. Then, the order of business this morning, is there
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       a -- let's see, we have Mr. Goulding, he submitted
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       testimony, correct?
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                         MR. FOSSUM: Yes.
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                         CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: So, is there
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       anything we need to take up before he takes the stand?
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                         MR. FOSSUM: Not that we know of.
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       then. And, Mr. Patnaude, you can swear him in.
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                         (Whereupon Christopher J. Goulding was
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                         duly sworn by the Court Reporter.)
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                    CHRISTOPHER J. GOULDING, SWORN
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## DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. FOSSUM:

- Q. Good morning. Mr. Goulding, could you state your name and place of employment for the record please.
- A. My name is Christopher John Goulding. My business
  address is 780 North Commercial Street, Manchester, New
  Hampshire. I'm employed by Northeast Utilities Service
  Company as the Manager of Revenue Requirements of PSNH.
- 9 Q. And, what are your responsibilities as the Manager of Revenue Requirements for PSNH?
- 11 A. I'm currently responsible for the coordination and
  12 implementation of revenue requirement calculations for
  13 PSNH, as well as the filings associated with PSNH's
  14 Energy Service rate, Stranded Cost Recovery Charge, and
  15 other -- other mechanisms.
- Q. And, have you previously testified before this Commission?
- 18 A. I have not.
- Q. Now, Mr. Goulding, back on May 2nd, 2014, did you submit prefiled testimony in this docket?
- 21 A. I did.
- Q. And, was that testimony prepared by you or under your direction?
- 24 A. Yes.

[WITNESS: Goulding]

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Q. And, do you have any changes or updates to that testimony today?
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- 3 A. No, I do not.
- 4 Q. And, if you were asked those same questions that were
- in that testimony today, would your answers be the same
- 6 as they were?
- 7 A. Yes, they would.
- Q. And, is that testimony true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief today?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 MR. FOSSUM: With that, I would ask to
- 12 enter the May 2nd testimony and the filing with testimony
- of Christopher Goulding as the next exhibit in this
- docket, which I believe is "Exhibit 4" for identification?
- 15 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: So marked for
- 16 identification. Thank you.
- 17 (The document, as described, was
- 18 herewith marked as **Exhibit 4** for
- identification.)
- 20 BY MR. FOSSUM:
- 21 Q. And, Mr. Goulding, back on June 13th, 2014, did you
- submit a technical statement and update to that, to
- your May 2nd testimony?
- 24 A. Yes.

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[WITNESS: Goulding]
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          And, was that technical statement, and the accompanying
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          attachments, were they prepared by you or under your
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       the June 13th, 2014 update and Technical Statement as
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"Exhibit 5" for identification. 16

17 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: So marked for 18 identification.

19 (The document, as described, was

20 herewith marked as **Exhibit 5** for

21 identification.)

22 MR. FOSSUM: And, at this point, I would 23 ask the Commissioners whether they would desire a summary

24 of either the testimony or the technical statement, or

9 [WITNESS: Goulding] 1 both, by Mr. Goulding, or we should forgo that for purposes of this hearing? 2 3 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: I think a short 4 summary would be useful for what the most current numbers 5 are. But, also, is there a need to mark the May 15th, 6 2014 submission that was in both this and the Energy 7 Service rate, 13-275? 8 MR. FOSSUM: I apologize. I'm not aware 9 of a May 15th submission in this docket. 10 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: It was jointly filed 11 in both dockets, and it makes a reference to the SCRC 12 revenues. 13 MR. FOSSUM: Oh, I'm sorry. Is that 14 the -- that's our quarterly reconciliation 15 docket [document?]. No. That's a quarterly update that

we file to inform parties of the status of the costs and revenues in the SCRC and the ES as of that date.

CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: All right.

MR. FOSSUM: But that is not an exhibit for this hearing.

CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Okay. Thank you.

Then, Mr. Goulding, I think a short summary would be

helpful. Thank you.

24 BY THE WITNESS:

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- 1 Α. Okay. In this reconciliation -- or, in this rate is an update for actuals for the first four months of the 2 3 year. And, the rate has changed from 0.35 cents per kWh, to negative 0.221 cents per kWh. The main drivers 4 5 of that is the refund of DOE Phase II litigation 6 proceeds of approximately \$13 million, and the refund 7 of RGGI proceeds or anticipated RGGI proceeds, 8 consistent with the order in 25,664, on May 9, 2014, 9 directing PSNH to rebate RGGI auction revenue through 10 its SCRC rate.
  - CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Thank you.
- 12 BY MR. FOSSUM:

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- Q. Then, Mr. Goulding, I'm going to show you a document very quickly. Could you please describe that document.
  - A. Yes. This is the bingo sheet that calculates the percent change for each rate component that we're proposing and the total revenue for each class of customers.
- Q. And, is this a document that PSNH has historically prepared as part of these dockets?
- 21 A. Yes. Yes, it is.
- MR. FOSSUM: I would ask to mark that document as "Exhibit 6" for identification?
- 24 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: And, has that been

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       circulated to other parties?
                         MR. FOSSUM: It has.
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                         CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Thank you. All
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       identification.
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                         CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: And, Mr. Fossum, I
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       assume this document will be useful in all of the
       different cases we're hearing today?
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       information goes throughout the various hearings we have
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                         CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS:
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    BY MR. FOSSUM:
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          But, for our purposes of this first hearing this
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          morning, could you please just walk us briefly through
          what is shown in what has been marked as "Exhibit 6"
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          for identification please.
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          Okay. On Page 1 of 3 is the percent change in each
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          rate component. There was changes to -- proposed
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          changes for July 1st to the Distribution rate, the
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          Transmission rate, the SCRC, and the Energy Service
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1		rate. So, those changes are all reflected in each
2		column for each customer class.
3		Page 2 of 3 is the percentage change of
4		total revenues for each class. Consistent with the
5		first page, Distribution, Transmission, SCRC, and
6		Energy Service show impacts due to the rate due to
7		the proposed rates for July 1st.
8	Q.	And, could you describe what's shown on Page 3 also.
9	Α.	Sure. Sorry. On Page 3 is the typical bill
10		comparisons. So, it shows what the average 640 kWh
11		customer would residential customer would pay under
12		the current rates, and what they would pay under the
13		rates proposed for July 1st. And, the change will be
14		approximately a decrease of approximately 0.33 percent,
15		if all rates proposed are approved.
16	Q.	And, just for clarity, you mentioned the "640 kWh"
17		there. Is that number meant to be representative of an
18		average residential customer in PSNH's territory?
19	Α.	Yes. That's meant to be, yes.
20		MR. FOSSUM: And, with that, I would say
21	th	at Mr. Goulding is free for cross-examination.
22		CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Thank you.
23	Ms	. Chamberlin.

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MS. CHAMBERLIN: Thank you.

## 13 [WITNESS: Goulding] 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. CHAMBERLIN: 2 On the RGGI rebate, that is a result of a statutory 3 Q. 4 change in New Hampshire maybe a year ago? 5 Yes, it is. Okay. And, so, going forward, that number will 6 Q. 7 fluctuate, depending on the auction proceeds, is that 8 true? 9 Α. Yes. 10 And, with the DOE litigation proceeds, do you have --Q. 11 do you anticipate having additional revenue coming in 12 through additional proceeds? There is a possibility for additional proceeds to come 13 14

- in. I'm not aware of when or if we will be receiving 15 any.
- 16 Q. So, that's something that just you don't know, it may 17 happen again, but you can't anticipate exactly when?
- 18 Α. Right. So, once we know, we'll include it in our SCRC 19 rate to change the refund to customers.
- 20 And, on your exhibit, Attachment CJG-1, --Q.
- 21 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: To which exhibit is
- 22 that attached to?
- 23 That would be MS. CHAMBERLIN:
- 24 Exhibit --

[WITNESS: Goulding]

1 CMSR. HONIGBERG: Five.

MS. CHAMBERLIN: Yes, Exhibit 5.

- 3 BY MS. CHAMBERLIN:
- 4 Q. And, I was looking at Line 7, "Forecasted Retail
- 5 Sales". Does that include a migration rate?
- 6 A. What page are we looking at?
- 7 Q. Page 1 of 7, Line 7. When you forecast the sales, are you incorporating some type of migration number?
- 9 A. No, I'm not.
- 10 Q. Okay. So, how do you make your -- how do you get that number, the forecasted retail sales?
- 12 A. We have a -- we have a forecast that's generated by the
  13 Company, and that is the -- that's the forecasted sales
  14 for the July to December 2014 period.
- Q. And, is it -- it's a spreadsheet? Do you know anything about the fundamental of that number?
- A. I don't. I know it takes into consideration

  historic -- historical sales and conditions that are

  anticipated in the -- forecasted are anticipated in the

  market.
- Q. Okay. As part of discovery, there was a couple of questions about the IPP sales. And, I'll just ask it directly. And, if you need the document, I can show it to you. But, reviewing the information, is many of the

- contracts will end by December 2015. Is that your recollection?
- A. I recall that -- or, I recall that there's a bunch

  of -- there's a portion of the IPPs that do expire or

  end in 2015.
- Q. And, at that point, what happens? Does this number just go away?
- A. No, because there's -- I think some of the IPPs run out
  to 2000 -- I was going to say '20, in 2020s. And,
  then, there's also some other IPP costs that are in
  there. There's Algonquin, some bio costs that are in
  the SCRC that will continue.
- Q. So, when the 2015 contracts expire, the number will be reduced, but it's not going to go away, because there's a few other things in there?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And, are you aware, are there any options to renew
  18 these contracts or are you aware that there's any
  19 automatic renewal or anything like that or will they
  20 just end in 2015?
- 21 A. I'm not aware of any automatic renewals or if we're
  22 looking -- if the Company is anticipating renewing the
  23 contracts.
- MS. CHAMBERLIN: All right. Thank you.

1 That's all I have.

- 2 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Thank you. Ms.
- 3 Amidon, questions?
- 4 MS. AMIDON: Thank you. Yes, I just
- 5 have a few. Good morning.
- 6 WITNESS GOULDING: Good morning.
- 7 BY MS. AMIDON:
- Q. And, I just wanted to ask a couple of clarifyingquestions. First of all, the SCRC is recovered from
- all customers, is that correct?
- 11 A. Yes. That's correct.
- 12 Q. Okay. And, Part 1, which is related to the RRBs, and
- Part 3 have already ended, is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. So, essentially, Part 2, which is the over-market costs
- for the IPPs, is the remaining piece of the stranded
- costs that was created back with restructuring, am I
- 18 right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. And, so, the RGGI rebates is a new element that
- 21 the Commission ordered you to credit back customers
- 22 through this mechanism, is that right?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. Okay. And, in developing that calculation, could you

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just show the Commission how you -- where you took into account the proceeds from the RGGI auctions that the Company has actually received and how you forecasted the proceeds for the remainder of the year. And, I believe that's in Exhibit 5, CJG-2, Page 2 of 3?

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- Okay. And, if you would just explain how you 0. calculated these numbers please.
- Okay. On CJG -- or, CJG-2, Page 2 of 3, we've included Α. three auctions for this year to refund in the SCRC The March 2014 auction, which we have the actual rate. results for; we have actual results for the June auction also; and then we have estimated results for September of 2014. And, then, we have the portion that goes -- we reduced the total RGGI proceeds by the portion that goes to the CORE Program, which leaves the portion available to all utilities to refund to customers. And, we took 74.39 percent of the Line 6 to calculate the share that we refunded to PSNH customers.
- Q. So, in developing this rate, you looked ahead, at least through September, determined what the Company would receive, and forecasted the SCRC rate, based on your calculation of the credit that would be due customers?
- 24 We looked ahead to, basically, the March, June or Α. Yes.

September auction. We didn't include the December

auction, because we wouldn't receive -- we don't

anticipate receiving those proceeds until either

January or February of 2015. So, next year, when we do

the SCRC rate, we would include four auctions in that

filing.

MS. AMIDON: Okay. Thank you. I have

MS. AMIDON: Okay. Thank you. I have no further questions.

CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Thank you.

Commissioner Honigberg, questions?

## BY CMSR. HONIGBERG:

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- Q. Can you take a look at Exhibit 6 please? Can you walk me through what I'm looking at in Exhibit 6? You said it quickly, and I'm not sure I understand what I'm looking at.
- 16 A. Okay. If we look at the residential, on Page 1 of 3, the "Residential" rate class.
- 18 Q. Uh-huh.
- A. For the rates that we propose, the average Distribution rate would go down 0.4 percent, the average

  Transmission rate would go down 4.13 percent, and then the SCRC would go down 160.53 percent, which was the rate we proposed here, when it went from 0.35 cents per kWh to negative 0.221 cents per kWh. And,

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- additionally -- and the other change was the Energy

  Service rate increasing by 6.93 percent.
  - Q. Okay. Then, Page 2?

- A. Page 2 looks like the same exact rates, but I'm looking at the total revenue change for each class. And, again, the Distribution would go down 0.13 percent, the Transmission total revenue would go down 0.42 percent, the SCRC would go down 3.32 percent, for a total delivery service change of negative 0.38 [3.88?] percent, the Energy Service rate would increase 3.57 percent, for a total revenue change of negative 0.31 percent.
  - Q. I'm just having trouble doing what math is going on here? It's the percentage of total revenue for each class. So, by dropping the SCRC by 160 percent, that reduces the amount recovered, total revenue, by

    3.32 percent for the residential rate? I'm just having trouble understanding what math is going on on the second page, because I'm trying to do it in my head, and that's probably a mistake.
  - A. Sorry. I might have not been clear. It's the total change of the bill related to -- so, the SCRC is going down 3. -- 3.32 percent for the total bill.
- 24 Q. The bill is going down 3.32 percent as a result of the

- change in the SCRC?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Ah. And, I'm not sure that's what you said just a second ago.
- 5 A. It was not.
- Q. Okay. I think I now understand what I'm looking at there. Thank you.
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 CMSR. HONIGBERG: Actually, I think that
- 10 was it for me. Thank you.
- 11 BY CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS:
- 12 Q. Well, now you've got me confused. Because, if Page 2
- is some reflection of what the total bill change is,
- then it seems like that should be matching up to some
- of the numbers on Page 3, which is clearly a bill
- 16 comparison for residential customers. And, for the
- typical customer, you end up with a 33 percent -- a
- 18 0.33 percent decrease. I quess that matches to the
- 19 0.31 percent decrease on Page 2, in the total revenue
- 20 Residential rate? Which is pretty close.
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. Is that the sort of -- those are comparable numbers?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. You may have said this in questioning to Ms. Chamberlin

[WITNESS: Goulding]

and I just missed it. Have you already received the funds from the DOE Settlement?

- 3 A. We did, on June 5th.
- Q. So, for what you anticipate receiving, it's in-hand, and there may be more to come, but you don't have any expectation of that at this point?
- 7 A. Right. We have not received any notice of any other funds coming in.
- Q. All right. And, on the Exhibit 6, the bingo sheet,
  there's one more component we're hearing today, but
  isn't traditionally part of this chart. I just want to
  make sure it's not included. There's the request for
  earnings share with customers that's also been filed
  for effect July 1st. That's not reflected on Exhibit
  6, correct?
- 16 A. No. It is reflected on Exhibit 6.
- 17 Q. Oh, it is? Okay. Show me where.
- 18 A. In the first column, the Distribution --
- 19 (Court reporter interruption.)

## 20 **BY THE WITNESS:**

- 21 A. On Page 1 of 3, the "Distribution" column shows the
  22 Residential Rate R would go down negative 0.4 percent
  23 with the rest of the changes.
- 24 BY CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS:

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Q. So, that's the -- that change would be as a result of the earnings share, if that were approved?
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4 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Okay. Thank you.

5 Thank you, Mr. Goulding. Any redirect, Mr. Fossum?

MR. FOSSUM: No. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Then, you're

excused. Thank you for your testimony. Mr. Fossum, I'll

mention, just for future cases, if you can have your

exhibits submitted with sequential numbering, it will help

with the page we're on.

MR. FOSSUM: I apologize. I have -excuse me. Yes. We noticed that after we submitted it.

I have -- we've updated them with page numbers. I can
give them to you with page numbers. I apologize for that.

That was our oversight.

CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: That's okay. Just next time out it will help.

MR. FOSSUM: Yes.

CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: All right. Is there anything to -- any objection to striking identification on the three new exhibits?

(No verbal response)

CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Seeing none, we'll

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       reviewed the filing. And, we've determined that the
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       Company has calculated the SCRC rate in accordance with
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      prior filings and the Commission order regarding the RGGI
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       rebates. And, therefore, we support the Petition.
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       Mr. Fossum.
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       begin by thanking both the OCA and the Staff for their
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       review of this docket on the tight time frame that we're
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       generally under for these.
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                         And, with that, I would ask that the
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       Commission approve the SCRC rate as PSNH has filed it and
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       subsequently updated it as of June 13th. We believe that
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       the rate, as calculated, is an appropriate, just and
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1 reasonable rate, and that approving the rate would be in 2 conformity with PSNH's most recently filed and approved 3 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan, and is consistent 4 with PSNH's actions to provide safe and reliable power to 5 customers. 6 And, I suppose, with that, I would just 7 reiterate that I would ask that the rate be approved for 8 effect on July 1st, and that a order be issued in a 9 fashion that would permit us to make the necessary changes 10 for a July 1st implementation. 11 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: Thank you. We will 12 keep that deadline in mind. There's a lot of changes that 13 I know the Company needs to incorporate for the various 14 filings that it's made. 15 All right. Then, with that, we will 16 take this under advisement and close this hearing. 17 (Whereupon the hearing was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.) 18 19 20 21 22 23 24