

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** January 9, 2014**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC**FROM:** Grant W. Siwinski  
Utility Analyst III**SUBJECT:** DA 13-354, Amended and Restated Service Contract between Northeast Utilities Service Company and Public Service Company of New Hampshire**TO:** Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

On December 20, 2013, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed copies of a Restated Service Contract entered into effective January 1, 2014 with Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO). The filing is pursuant to RSA 366:3, which require utilities to file copies of agreements between a public utility and an affiliate where the value of the transaction exceeds \$500.

The amended service contract adds a new section, titled **Section 5. Regulatory Review**. This new section recognizes the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, and the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to review and determine the amount of compensation to be paid under this agreement.

Regarding the other amended and restated services, terms and conditions of the Service Contract, they remain substantially the same as those previously entered into between PSNH and NUSCO. It should be noted that as in the previous Service Agreement (See DA 13-067) this Agreement shall renew on the date of execution of this Agreement and shall continue in effect for one year, and then continue from year to year, subject to the right of either party after the expiration of the initial term to terminate this Agreement upon one year's written notice in advance.

Staff has reviewed the new Service Agreements and, at this point, does not recommend that the Commission take any further action pursuant to RSA 366. Because any issues that may arise related to the Service Agreements can be addressed in other proceedings, Staff recommends that this docket be closed without opening a formal investigation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

c: Steve Mullen  
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