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**Via Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail**

Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

***Re: DG 16-769 - Concord Steam Corporation – Petition for Emergency Rates and to Discontinue Service***

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six (6) copies of a Settlement Agreement for filing with the Commission in the above-captioned docket. As the hearing in this docket is scheduled for October 5, 2016, this filing does not meet the general requirement in N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.20(e) that settlements be filed no less than 5 days prior to hearing. For the reasons discussed below, Concord Steam Corporation respectfully asserts that the Commission should accept this late-filed Settlement Agreement pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.20 (f) which provides that the Commission shall accept late-filed settlements if such acceptance will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

The enclosed Settlement Agreement is by and among all of the parties to this docket except the Concord School District (“the School District”) and the City of Concord (“the City”). The School District and the City are fully aware of the provisions of the Settlement Agreement. The School District’s attorney has indicated to the undersigned that the School District intends to attend the October 5<sup>th</sup> hearing and will support and endorse the Settlement Agreement, but is not signing the Settlement Agreement because the School District does not have formal approval to

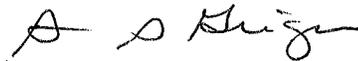
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do so by the Concord School Board at this time. However, the School District intends to seek ratification of its position from the School Board.

The City of Concord's attorney has indicated to the undersigned that he will attend the October 5<sup>th</sup> hearing at which the Settling Parties intend to present the Settlement Agreement to the Commission. In these circumstances, accepting this filing at this time will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the October 5<sup>th</sup> hearing and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

Please contact me if there are any questions about this matter. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Susan S. Geiger

Enclosures

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