

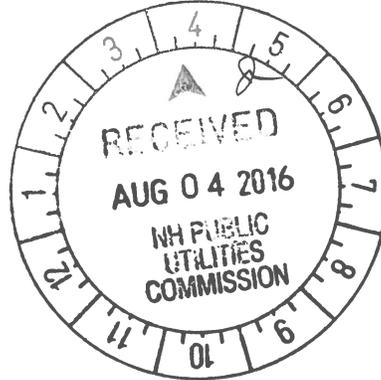
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Via Email/Hand Delivery

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**Re: DE 16-___, New England Power Company
Petition to Increase Short Term Debt Limit to FERC Authorized Level**

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket please find, pursuant to Puc 203.02 (a) (1), an original and six copies of New England Power Company's ("NEP" or the "Company") petition to increase its short term debt limit to the level authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). The petition is filed pursuant to the procedures approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "PUC") in the June 24, 2016 Secretarial Letter issued in Docket No. DE 15-420. Included with the petition, therefore, is NEP's Application to FERC seeking authority to issue short term debt, which the Company filed on July 29, 2016.

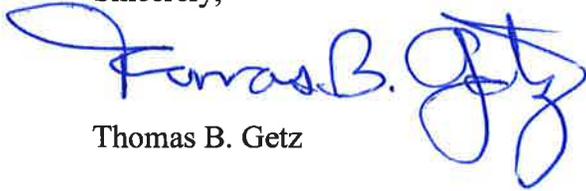
As part of its Application to FERC, the Company has asked FERC to issue an order no later than October 13, 2016. The Company asks that the Commission issue its corresponding order on or about the same date to enable the Company to address additional funding needs while it pursues long-term financing. In order to ensure that the Commission is timely apprised of progress towards issuance of an order in the FERC proceeding, the Company will update Commission Staff of developments as they occur. Furthermore, the Company is available to discuss the Application to FERC with Commission Staff at Staff's convenience.

Pursuant to Puc 203.02 (a) (2) and (4), an electronic copy of the petition has been filed with the Commission and the Office of Consumer Advocate.

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas B. Getz". The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops and a prominent initial "T".

Thomas B. Getz

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cc: Office of Consumer Advocate

Enclosures