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Eileen Fox, Clerk
New Hampshire Supreme Court
One Charles Doe Drive
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-6179

Re: Case No. 2018-0305, Appeal of Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) d/b/a Eversource Energy

Dear Clerk Fox:

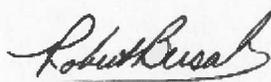
On November 5, 2018, the Court remanded the referenced proceeding back to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“NHPUC”) for the limited purpose of allowing the Commission to consider and act upon a proposed settlement agreement that the parties reached during appellate mediation. Per that remand order, on December 5, 2018, PSNH provided the Court with a status report concerning the NHPUC’s proceedings on remand.

In that status report, PSNH stated that the statutory 30-day rehearing period for the NHPUC’s Order *Nisi* accepting the proposed settlement would expire on January 14, 2019. As that date has passed and no motions for rehearing have been filed, the NHPUC’s Order accepting the settlement is now final. Hence, PSNH is withdrawing its appeal via the enclosed “Notice of Withdrawal of Appeal by Petition.”

This case is a good example of the value of the Court’s Rule 12-A appellate mediation program. The mediator, Judge Raymond Cloutier, was instrumental in driving a settlement of this matter. He was prepared, engaged, and effective. Please thank him on behalf of PSNH. Similarly, PSNH is grateful to the other parties to this proceeding for agreeing to the Rule 12-A process and for their efforts at achieving a settlement that resolves this matter.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Encl: "Notice of Withdrawal of Appeal by Petition"

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- NHPUC – Docket No. DE 17-160
- Office of Mediation & Arbitration