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RE: DE 08-135; IR 13-336, Public Service Company of New Hampshire

Line Extension Policy Proposed Tariff Revisions

## Dear Director Howland:

On November 22, 2013, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation in Docket No. DE 08-135 relating to the line extension policy of Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH"). The recommendation noted that on November 20, 2009 the Commission approved a settlement agreement relating to PSNH's policy in Order No. 25,046 and that pursuant to the settlement agreement PSNH was to phase-in, over three years, new line extension charges based upon a specified cost per foot. The phase-in period ran until March 31, 2013, after which time the settlement provided a method for calculating the cost per foot that would apply to line extensions.

Consistent with the settlement agreement, on March 1, 2013, PSNH filed a report on its line extension policy with new proposed rates and tariff pages for the period on and after April 1, 2013. By Order No. 25,481 (March 28, 2013) the Commission determined that it needed more time to investigate the proposed rates and tariff pages and suspended the proposed pages pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b). By a letter dated October 8, 2013, PSNH consented to a further suspension until November 28, 2013. In its November 22, 2013 recommendation, the Staff recommended that the proposed rates and tariff pages in PSNH's March 1, 2013 submission be permitted to go into effect on November 28, 2013. The recommendation also proposed that PSNH update its tariff pages to incorporate the language of RSA 370:12, and that such update be incorporated into the filing of tariff pages relating to the line extension rates.

On November 27, 2013, the Commission issued an order of notice in Docket No. IR 13-336 and noted, among other things, that PSNH's proposed tariff would take effect on November 28, 2013 consistent with RSA 378:6. Accordingly, by this submission, PSNH updates the rates contained in its tariff to implement the rates as calculated in the March 1, 2013 report and as

confirmed by Staff in its recommendation of November 22, 2013. Furthermore, consistent with Staff's recommendation, PSNH is updating the language of its tariff to incorporate the language of RSA 370:12. Please see the attached revisions to PSNH's tariff implementing these changes:

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Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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**Enclosures** 

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