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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

November 18, 2009

Re: DE 09-091, Public Service Company of New Hampshire Reconciliation of Energy Service and Stranded Cost Request for Waiver

To the Parties:

By letter dated November 16, 2009, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) notified the Commission that a settlement has been reached among the parties in the above referenced proceeding. The OCA also requested on behalf of the settling parties a waiver of Puc 203.20(e) which requires the filing of a settlement agreement no less than 5 days prior to the hearing.

Under Puc 203.20(f), the Commission shall accept late-filed stipulations and settlements when such acceptance: (1) promotes the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding; and (2) will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding. The Commission has concluded that the applicable standards for accepting a late-filed settlement agreement pursuant to Puc 203.20(f) have been satisfied. Accordingly, the Commission has granted the request. Inasmuch as the hearing is scheduled to commence on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., the Commission expects the settlement agreement be filed no later than close of business on Friday, November 20, 2009.

Sincerely,

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