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RE: Docket DE 10-160 PSNH Customer Migration

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Dear Ms. Howland:

Please record me in strong opposition to the Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) request to assess a non-bypassable charge on its former energy service customers.

PSNH's request should be denied for the following reasons:

- It runs counter to the legislative intent of electric restructuring, which was to lower end use electric rates through increased competition. RSA 374-F:1-I Purpose states, *"The most compelling reason to restructure the New Hampshire electric utility industry is to reduce costs for all consumers of electricity by harnessing the power of competitive markets."*

- It punishes end use consumers who have chosen competitive suppliers, in a sense negating the competitive advantage of consumer choice.

- It assumes that the Public Utilities Commission has the authority to change the way in which electric restructuring is implemented. Clearly, PSNH is requesting a significant policy change which can only be made by the legislature, not by the Commission.

- There are legislative actions planned for the 2012 session which will examine the status of electric restructuring and the possibility of moving New Hampshire's electric market from a partially restructured model to a fully restructured model. PSNH can voice its concerns during the legislative process.

I suggest that the Commission deny PSNH's request and in its published denial notice point out shortcomings in the present restructuring and competitive supply statutes which could be addressed by the legislature in 2012. I assure you that the House will respectfully consider the Commission's findings and comments.

Best Regards,

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