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Re: DE 11-216, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Request to Amend Alternate Default Service Rate

Dear Director Howland:

On April 8, 2013 the Commission issued Order No. 25,488 in the above-referenced docket conditionally approving a partial settlement agreement between Commission Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire's ("PSNH") relating to PSNH's proposed Alternative Default Service Rate ("Rate ADE"). Consistent with the settlement agreement and Order, Rate ADE was implemented on a pilot basis for 36 months. On June 23, 2014, the Staff and OCA filed a joint recommendation in the docket noting that Rate ADE was not achieving the customer savings that had been anticipated. Staff and the OCA recommended "suspending" the Rate ADE pilot program, and requested that PSNH review options for addressing potential high prices in the coming winter period, including potentially implementing a "stay out" provision.

On June 25, 2014, PSNH responded to the joint recommendation stating that it agreed that circumstances warranted reviewing Rate ADE and, potentially, revising the terms and conditions for the rate, and that the rate should be closed to new customers pending this review. On June 27, 2014, the Commission issued a secretarial letter leaving the rate closed to new customers and ordering PSNH to work with others on potential modifications to Rate ADE, including whether to continue Rate ADE through the remainder of the pilot term. PSNH was ordered to make a separate filing of a proposal governing Rate ADE at the time of its energy service and stranded cost recovery filings to allow the Commission to review the filing in time for implementation on January 1, 2015.

Accordingly, following discussions with others, enclosed with this filing is a request to amend Rate ADE to address the issues identified in the joint recommendation and the Commission's secretarial letter. Included with this submission is the testimony of Christopher J. Goulding and Frederick B. White describing the proposed amendment. PSNH requests that the Commission review this submission and set a schedule that will provide for an order to be issued

in sufficient time to implement any changes on January 1, 2015 as contemplated in the Commission's secretarial letter.

Very truly yours,



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