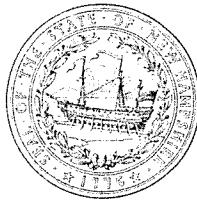


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February 13, 2013

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Re: IR 13-020, Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Investigation into Market Conditions Affecting PSNH and its Default Service  
Customers and the Impact of PSNH's Ownership of Generation on the Competitive  
Electric Market

Dear Attorney Chamberlin:

On January 25, 2013, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter notifying the Commission that it would be participating in the investigation docketed as IR 13-020 pursuant to an Inter-Agency Memorandum of Understanding dated April 28, 2000 between the OCA and the Commission (MOU) and arguing that such participation is consistent with the OCA's enabling statute, RSA 363:28, II.

The present docket is an investigation pursuant to RSA 365:5 and RSA 374:4 and will be conducted by Commission Staff in order to inform the Commission as to matters concerning PSNH's operations and assets. The Commission welcomes the participation of the OCA but, because this investigation is not an adjudication, there is no need for interventions. As noted in the order of notice commencing this docket, the Commission has instructed Staff to reach out to all stakeholders, including OCA, as part of its investigation.

For clarity this docket will be designated as Investigative Review No. 13-020 (IR 13-020) in order to eliminate any confusion. At the conclusion of this investigation the Commission will issue a written summary of the investigation and the Commission's findings for dissemination to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director