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Debra A. Howland Executive Director 21 South Fruit Street Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

> Re: Docket No. DE 13-156 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Petition for Approval of Financing Transactions Technical Session Report

Dear Ms. Howland:

On July 3, 2013, the Commission issued an Order of Notice in the above-captioned docket scheduling a prehearing conference for August 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference took place as scheduled. No motions to intervene were filed and no party other than Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) and Staff appeared at the prehearing conference. At the prehearing conference, the Commission granted PSNH's request for a limited waiver of the requirement to provide a draft Loan and Trust Agreement pursuant to New Hampshire Code Admin. Rules Puc 308.12(c)(8).

A technical session was held following the prehearing conference. PSNH and Staff agreed to the following procedural schedule for this proceeding. Please note that Staff issued the first set of data requests on July 2, 2013, hence the data requests referred to below are identified as the second set of data requests.

Second Set Data Requests
Data Request Responses
Staff Recommendation/Testimony
Merits Hearing

August 9, 2013 August 23, 2013 September 6, 2013 September 18, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

At the technical session, PSNH emphasized that it was requesting an order by October 1, 2013 and PSNH suggested that the petition could be decided through an order *nisi*. Consequently, the recommendation filed by Staff on September 6, 2013 may recommend that the Commission issue its decision in this matter through an order *nisi*. In the event

that the Commission determines that a merits hearing is necessary, PSNH and Staff agreed that such hearing would take place on the afternoon of September 18, 2013.

Staff on behalf of itself and PSNH respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed procedural schedule.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on parties on the service list when the letter is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Amidon, Esq. Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner

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