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December 9, 2013

Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: IR 13-336

Review of Line Extension Policy

Dear Ms. Howland:

As directed by the Commission's Order of Notice dated November 27, 2013 Public Service Company of New Hampshire has caused to be published a legal notice relative to the above-captioned docket. The legal notice appeared in <u>The Union Leader</u> on December 5, 2013.

Enclosed is the required affidavit of publication with a copy of the legal notice attached.

Very truly yours,

Matthew J. Fossum

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> 0000057491 PSNH – LEGALS ATTN: ANNETTE MAYO PO BOX 330 MANCHESTER NH 03105

I hereby certify that the legal notice: (0000943240) PUB UTILITIES-IR13-336 was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader On: 12/05/2013.

Legal Notice

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN O. MORTON BUILDING CONTRACT SECTION **7 HAZEN DRIVE** POST OFFICE BOX 483 CONCORD, NH 03302 INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals are to be received and deposited in the Bid Box in Room 112 (small conference room) at the John 0. Morton Building, at the address above by 2:00 o'clock PM, Eastern Time, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014 for the following project:

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X-A001(187), 16207 THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF ROAD-WAY IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED ON NH ROUTE 11A, BELKNAP MOUNTAIN ROAD AND SCHOOL HOUSE HILL ROAD

CERTIFIED CHECK/BID BOND: 5% OF THE BID AMOUNT

A schedule of the minimum wages for all labor classifications as determined by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Section 115 of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 is included in the proposal. Unskilled labor may be hired from lists prepared by the NH Dept. of Employment Security designated in the proposal.

BIDDERS SHOULD ACT PROMPTLY AND SUBMIT ALL QUESTIONS ON THE PROJECT TO JAMES MARSHALL AT (603) 271-2171 AT LEAST FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE THE HOUR AND DATE SET FOR THE BID OPENING

Plans and specifications (NOT FOR BID-DING PURPOSES) may be seen at the at the Office of Const. Industries of MA, 1500 Providence Hwy., Suite 14, Norwood, MA; at the office of Assoc. General Contractors of NH, 48 Grandview Rd, Bow, NH; Construction Summary of NH, Inc., 734 Chestnut St., Manchester, NH, Const. Summary of ME, c/o Cross Insurance Bldg., 2331 Congress St., Portland, ME, Works in Progress, 20 Farrell Street, Suite 103, So. Burlington, VT, Minuteman Press, 109 Gosling Road, Newington, NH, Signature Press & Blueprinting, Inc., 45 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, NH, and Infinite Imaging. 933 Islington Street, Portsmouth NH.

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Legal Notice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IR 13-336

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Review of Line Extension Policy

ORDER OF NOTICE On March 1, 2013, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a report on its line extension policy and proposed tariff pages. The filing was made pursuant to a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,046 (November 20, 2009) in Docket DE 08-135. The Settlement Agreement provided that PSNH would phase in over a three-year period new line extension charges based upon a specified cost per foot. The phase-in period ran until March 31, 2013 after which time the Settlement Agreement provided a method for calculating the cost per foot that would apply to line extensions beginning April 1, 2013. Pursuant to the proposed tariff, the cost per foot of single-phase overhead line extensions for effect April 1, 2013 would increase from \$11.40 to \$20.71, and for single-phase underground line extensions, the cost per foot would increase from \$14.71 to \$15.48. The Commission issued Order No. 25,481 (March 28, 2013) suspending the tariff for 3 months to allow further investigation by Staff, and by consent, PSNH later allowed the investigation to continue an additional 5 months through November 28, 2013, whereupon the suspension of the tariff terminates and the tariff takes effect pursuant to RSA

Staff filed a memorandum on November 22, 2013 advising the Commission that the proposed tariff rate was calculated in a manner consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff. Staff further noted that pursuant to RSA 370:12 which was effective August 17, 2012, a utility customer who requires a line extension on private property may hire a qualified contractor approved by the local distribution utility. Staff recommended that PSNH update its tariff to clearly inform customers of the availability of such an option. Finally, Staff also reported that PSNH, consistent with the

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