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Via Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail

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

Re: DG 16-___, Concord Steam Corporation Petition for Emergency Rates and to Discontinue Service

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission on behalf of Concord Steam Corporation ("Concord Steam"), please find an original and 6 copies each of the following documents: Petition for Emergency Rates and to Discontinue Service; Prefiled Direct Testimony of Peter Bloomfield, P.E.; and attachments to Mr. Bloomfield's Prefiled Direct Testimony. As indicated in the enclosed filing, which consists of two books, Concord Steam is requesting a 23.33% increase in the usage rates in Concord Steam's only class of service.

The request for emergency rates is made pursuant to RSA 378:9, and the request for authority to discontinue service is made pursuant to RSA 374:28. Because this is an emergency rate filing, the Company is not required to comply with the filing requirements of the Commission's 1600 rules. *See* N.H. Admin. R. Puc 1601.01(e). Nonetheless, to assist the Commission and its Staff in evaluating Concord Steam's request for emergency rates, the Company is providing much of the information described in Puc 1604.01 (a) which is required for a full rate case.

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Please contact me if there are any questions about this filing. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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