



**Public Service
of New Hampshire**

PSNH
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

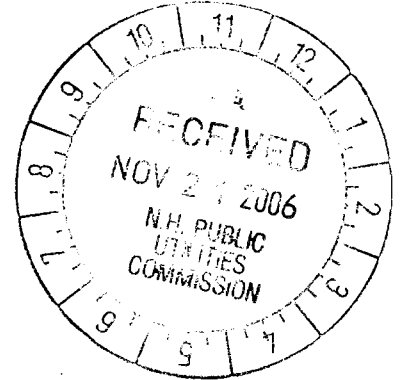
PSNH Energy Park
780 North Commercial Street, Manchester, NH 03101

Public Service Company of New Hampshire
P.O. Box 330
Manchester, NH 03105-0330
(603) 669-4000
www.psnh.com

The Northeast Utilities System

November 21, 2006

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



Re: Default Energy Service Rate -- Docket No. DE 06-125

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of a Motion for Protective Order Re: Major Maintenance Schedule. Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") is requesting that the Commission provide confidential treatment for the dates and duration of the planned maintenance of PSNH's major generating station as part of the response requested in a data request propounded by the Staff. A redacted copy of the response has been provided to all the intervenors.

Copies have been supplied to the persons listed below.

Very truly yours,

Gerald M. Eaton
Senior Counsel

Enclosures

- cc: Suzanne Amidon
- Kenneth Traum
- Meredith Hatfield
- Steven Mullen
- James T. Rodier
- Stephen V. Camerino
- Amy Ignatius

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Default Energy Service Rate

Docket No. DE 06-125

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S
MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER RE: MAJOR MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Pursuant to RSA 91-A:5,(IV)(Supp.) and N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc § 203.08, Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH" or the "Company") hereby requests protective treatment for the response to a data request propounded by the Staff. The response contains the dates and duration of planned maintenance outages at PSNH's major generating stations during 2007, the upcoming Default Energy Service period. PSNH further requests that access to this confidential information be restricted to the Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate and not supplied to the other interveners. In support of its Motion for Protective Order, PSNH says the following:

1. The data request is as follows:

NSTF-01 Q- STAFF-005

Question: Reference Attachment RAB-2, page 3. Please provide a schedule, by generating unit, of the planned maintenance outages during the twelve month ES period. Please include a description of the work to be performed as well as the estimated cost of each outage.

The response contains a schedule of the weeks when the planned outages are scheduled to take effect with the precise days when the outage is planned to begin and end. PSNH submits this information to the Independent System Operator for New England (ISO New England); however, this information is kept confidential and not shared with the public or other participants.

2. The Commission must use a balancing test in order to weigh the importance of keeping the record public with the harm from disclosure of

confidential plans for scheduled maintenance activities. Clearly the harm outweighs the need for public disclosure or providing this response to the interveners in this proceeding. There are competitive suppliers that have requested full intervener status in this proceeding: Constellation New Energy and Freedom Energy Partners.

3. Release of this information to participants in the competitive market puts PSNH at a distinct disadvantage when it plans to purchase energy to supply its customers during times when major generating stations are undergoing planned maintenance. This disadvantage persists as long as PSNH is supplying Default Energy Service and as long as PSNH owns generation. This disadvantage would harm PSNH's customers directly, as PSNH should always be in a position to negotiate at arms length to purchase replacement power at the lowest possible cost. A similar Motion for Protective Order was granted in the previous Energy Service rate setting docket DE 05-164. Order No.. 24,579, January 20, 2006.

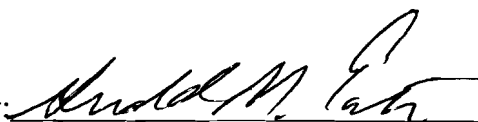
WHEREFORE PSNH respectfully requests the Commission issue an order preventing the public disclosure of the response to NSTF-01, Q-STAFF-005, to restrict any disclosure of the response to interveners other than Staff or the Office of Consumer Advocate and to order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

November 21 2006

Date

By: 

Gerald M. Eaton
Senior Counsel
780 North Commercial Street
Post Office Box 330
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-0330
(603) 634-2961

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached Motion for Protective Order to be hand delivered or sent by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the persons listed on the attached cover letter.

November 21, 2006
Date

Gerald M. Eaton
Gerald M. Eaton