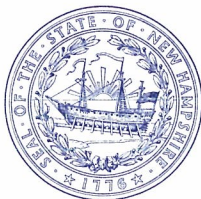


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April 30, 2010

Re: DE 09-035, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Distribution Rate Case
Extension of Time

To the Parties:

In response to the April 14, 2010 secretarial letter suspending the procedural schedule in the above referenced matter, on April 23, 2010, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) requested an extension of time to file a settlement agreement among the parties and Staff to April 30, 2010. The Commission has scheduled a hearing on the merits of the settlement agreement on May 10 and May 12, 2010 to commence at 9:00 a.m. Inasmuch as a filing date of April 30, 2010 for the settlement agreement is consistent with Puc 203.20(e), PSNH's request is approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director