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Ms. Debra Howland
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Dear Ms. Howland,

It has come to my attention that the NH PUC is considering a request from PSNH to borrow and spend an additional \$600 million, primarily for work on the 50 year old Merrimack Station Coal plant in Bow (Docket DE10-122).

To allow PSNH to push its total debt to \$1.3 billion by 2012 and spend the bulk of those funds to continue to operate a dirty old coal plant goes against the PUC mission "to ensure that customers of regulated utilities receive safe, adequate and reliable service at just and reasonable rates".

I beleive it is time to abandon this dirty old plant and move on to a cleaner energy future. An investment in clean energy now will reap huge benefits to our environment in future years.

The PUC should act in the best interests of NH ratepayers and make it clear to PSNH that the time has come to stop spending money on Merrimack Station, and immediately begin planning for the phase-out of the coal plant while replacing its capacity with cleaner and more affordable sources of electricity.

Sincerely,

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