



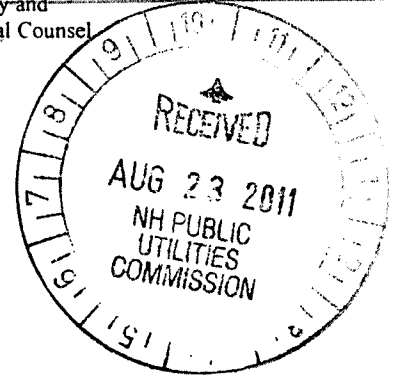
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August 22, 2011

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

**Re: *Docket No. DE 11-184***  
***Joint Petition for Approval of Power Purchase and Sale Agreements and Settlement Agreement***

Dear Secretary Howland:

Pursuant to RSA 374:57 and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, 16 U.S. Code 824a-3, Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH"), Bridgewater Power Company, L.P., Pinetree Power, Inc., Pinetree Power-Tamworth, Inc., Springfield Power LLC, DG Whitefield, LLC d/b/a Whitefield Power & Light Company, and Indeck-Alexandria, LLC (collectively the "Wood IPPs"), the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development ("DRED") and certain Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Staff") (collectively, the "Joint Petitioners") seek approval of the attached "Joint Petition for Approval of Power Purchase and Sale Agreements and Settlement Agreement."

The Joint Petition seeks approval of separate Power Purchase Agreements ("PPAs") with five of the Wood IPPs as well as a "Settlement, Release and Support Agreement." In addition, the Joint Petition sets forth a ratemaking treatment for PSNH, approval of which is a condition to the effectiveness of the PPAs.

The Joint Petition is supported by the accompanying testimony of George Bald, Commissioner, Department of Resources and Economic Development; Thomas C. Frantz, Director of the Electric Division, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission; and Richard C. Labrecque, Supplemental Energy Sources Manager, PSNH.

The terms of the PPAs are the product of confidential negotiations and include confidential, commercial, financial information as set forth in RSA 91-A:5, IV. Copies of the PPAs are being filed in redacted form with this Joint Petition. Unredacted copies of the PPAs and are being filed separately along with a Motion for Confidential Treatment Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc § 203.08.

The Joint Petitioners respectfully request that the Commission expedite its review of this matter, in view of the public policy interests and beneficial impacts on employment throughout the state that approval of the Petition would provide.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert A. Bersak".

Robert A. Bersak  
Assistant Secretary and  
Assistant General Counsel

cc: Office of the Consumer Advocate (Rule Puc 203.02)