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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director  
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21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: IR 13-038, Stakeholder Review of Assessment Practices  
PSNH Clarification of CEPS Letter of August 7, 2013**

Dear Director Howland:

On January 7, 2013 the Commission issued a prehearing conference order in Docket No. DM 12-276 regarding an objection by FairPoint to its assessment from the Commission. In that order, the Commission directed Staff to begin a stakeholder process to undertake a more general evaluation of the assessment system. On January 31, 2013, the Commission issued a secretarial letter in Docket No. IR 13-038 commencing that process. That letter included a series questions from Staff and stated that should a party seek confidential treatment for any response, it should mark the material as confidential and submit a motion for confidential treatment to the Commission. On February 15, 2013 Public Service Company of New Hampshire (“PSNH”) responded to the Staff’s requests, including request 1-4(f), which stated:

Please provide:

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(f) Your company’s total revenues for fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012 collected on behalf of and paid to, another entity. Please describe the related service(s) and amount of revenue related to each service. Are those revenues reflected in gross revenues as reported to the Commission?

PSNH’s response to that question included various revenue sources including System Benefits Charge revenue, Electricity Consumption Tax revenue, and Rate Reduction Bond revenue. In addition, and specific to the issue at hand, PSNH’s response stated:

Competitive Supply Revenues: 2010: \$40,668,953.54; 2011: \$63,959,984.17; 2012: \$90,401,713.45. These are revenues collected, and redistributed to, competitive third party suppliers for the provision of energy service. These revenues are not reflected in gross revenues as reported to the Commission.

On August 7, 2013, a letter was filed on behalf of various competitive electric power providers stating, in pertinent part, that:

In addition, we recently became aware that Public Service Company of New Hampshire has provided participants in Docket [IR] 13-038 with information regarding CEPs' revenues. We understand this information was provided with an informal request that it be kept confidential. We would like to find out more about this information, including what it is and how it is being treated, and would like to be allowed to review the information (in an aggregate form to protect competitive information), especially since it is apparently being used as a basis for making some decisions about a legislative proposal going forward.

PSNH hereby makes clear that the only information about CEPS' revenues it has provided in this docket was filed with PSNH's response to Staff question 1-4(f) approximately 6 months ago, and has been publicly available on the Commission's website since that time. In that the information pertained to revenues collected by PSNH, and was provided on an aggregate basis, PSNH had no reason to believe that the information was confidential. Accordingly, no requests, either formal or informal, for confidential treatment of that information have been made by PSNH. To the extent there may be other information available to the Commission or Staff, that information has not been provided by PSNH.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew J. Fossum", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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