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Re: DE 16-803, New England Power Company
Petition to Increase Short Term Debt Limit to FERC Authorized Level

Dear Mr. Getz :

By petition dated August 3, 2016, New England Power Company ("NEP") requested Commission approval to increase NEP's short term debt limit to the level authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). In support of its petition, NEP provided its request to FERC dated July 29, 2016, wherein it sought FERC approval to increase its level of short term debt to an amount not to exceed \$1.5 billion. NEP requested that the Commission review its petition using procedures that the Commission established in a Secretarial Letter to NEP dated June 24, 2016 in DE 15-420 governing requests of this nature.

On October 7, 2016, NEP provided the Commission with FERC's Order Authorizing Issuances of Securities wherein FERC approved NEP's request to increase its short term debt level to an amount not to exceed \$1.5 billion. 157 FERC 62,015 (October 7, 2016).

By memorandum dated October 11, 2016, Commission Staff recommended that NEP's request be approved. In its memorandum, Staff stated its believe that NEP had complied with the procedures set forth in the June 24th Secretarial Letter in DE 15-420 and raised no objection to NEP's request.

The Commission has reviewed NEP's petition in this matter, as well as Staff's recommendation. No other objections have been filed. The Commission finds that NEP has complied with the procedures established in the June 24, 2016 Secretarial Letter and, accordingly, hereby approves NEP's request to increase its short term debt limit to the FERC authorized level, which is an amount not to exceed \$1.5 billion, as described in NEP's Petition of August 3, 2016.

Sincerely,

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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