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N.H.P.U.C. Case No.	DE 11-184
Exhibit No.	#7 Non-Advocate Staff
Witness	Panel #1
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RE: DE 11-184, Public Service Company of NH
Joint Petition for Approval of Power Purchase and Sales Agreements and
Settlement Agreement
Non-Advocate Staff Data Request – Supplemental Answer

Mr. Damon:

Please accept the following supplemental response to Non-Advocate Staff Data Request 1-5, dated August 29, 2011

REQUEST: Reference Bald testimony, page 4, lines 7-13. Please quantify, for each of the Wood IPP facilities, the economic impacts in terms of both dollars and number of jobs associated with the retention of the employment at the facilities as well as keeping the network of supporting jobs intact.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE: During the late summer and early fall of 2011, the New Hampshire Timberland Association conducted a direct survey of wood plants and their wood fuel suppliers to gather information regarding the taxes and fees paid by these entities as a result of the operation of the wood plants. Upon my request, the Timberland Owners' Association provided me with the attached chart summarizing its findings as those findings relate to the Wood IPPs. Information regarding state utility taxes paid by the Wood IPPs was cross referenced with valuations conducted by the Department of Revenue Administration. With regard to taxes and fees paid by the biomass fuel suppliers, it is my understanding that the Timberland Owners Association surveyed New Hampshire-based fuel suppliers providing approximately 50% of the biomass fuel consumed in the state. The state and town vehicle registration fees and the timber tax are all paid to the state or a New Hampshire municipality. Payroll taxes, unemployment taxes, and fuel taxes all have a federal component, which is not possible to calculate with the information provided to the Timberland Owners' Association. The federal heavy use tax is paid entirely to the federal government.

Summary of Taxes Paid

IPP

Property Taxes (PILOT)	Stewide Utility Tax	BET**	Emission Fees
\$540,790	\$193,266	\$52,000	\$354,257

** Does not include Pinetree Tamworth and Pinetree Bethlehem

Producers (represent 50% of state's production)

Payroll Tax	Unemploy Tax	Vehicle regis (t)	Vehicle regis (s)	Fuel Tax/Road Toll	Fed Heavy Use Tax
\$553,672	\$47,941	\$104,703	\$187,358	\$494,610	\$37,859

Total

\$1,140,313

**Timber Tax (this is
100% of all biomass
cut in NH)**

\$196,316

\$1,622,459

\$2,762,772