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Dear Ms. DeMeo:

Enclosed please find the joint response of Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") and Aquatech International Corporation ("Aquatech") to the Clean Water Act Section 308 Information Request received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") on February 11, 2013, related to the Merrimack Station flue gas desulfurization ("FGD") wastewater treatment system ("WWTS"), purportedly to support EPA's development of appropriate National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit limits.

This response in its entirety--with the exception of Attachment 2 (the site overview), Attachment 5 (sampling data), and Attachment 6 (manifests)--is being submitted as Confidential and Proprietary Business Information ("CBI") and is appropriately labeled as such. This includes the Preliminary Statement by PSNH as well as the text of all responses and Attachments 1, 3, and 4. As you may be aware, the WWTS technology is extremely innovative and thus highly proprietary--this includes all aspects of the system, which has been specifically engineered for Merrimack Station, including the process equipment chain itself. This proprietary information cannot be disclosed to third parties without the potential of grave competitive harm to the vendor and to PSNH. Other information that is included with the response, such as Attachment 3, would harm PSNH and its customers in a highly competitive marketplace if disclosed.

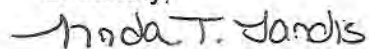
It is our belief that this response provides EPA with the information requested, although we do not consider this information essential or even relevant to the finalization of the Merrimack Station NPDES permit. PSNH's comments submitted in response to the draft NPDES permit continue to represent our position based on the biological monitoring performed over several decades, technological expertise, and economic analysis.

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