

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 19, 2010

Allan Palmer, Senior Engineer
Merrimack Station
PO Box 330
Manchester, NH 03105

RE: NPDES Application No. NH0001465 – Public Service Company
of New Hampshire
Merrimack Station

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Your reapplication for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit has been reviewed and appears to be complete. You may be contacted for additional information as the permit is developed, should it be necessary to clarify, modify or supplement any previously submitted information. By copy of this letter, your State Water Pollution Control Agency is furnished a copy of your complete application for certification pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. Section 1341(a)(1).

A draft permit and statement of basis or fact sheet will be prepared by this office and forwarded to you for comment prior to the opening of the public comment period. The draft permit will then be publicly noticed and forwarded for state certification if certification has not previously been received on the application. If it is deemed necessary, a public hearing will be held, in which case, the comment period will be extended until the close of the hearing. After the close of the public comment period, your final permit will be issued providing no new substantial questions are raised. If new questions develop during the comment period, it may be necessary to draft a new permit, revise the statement of basis or fact sheet and/or reopen the public comment period.

The conditions of your present permit will continue in force until your new permit is issued and becomes effective since you filed a timely and complete application. 40 C.F.R. Section 122.6, 48 Fed. Reg. 14158 (April 1, 1983).

Should you have any questions concerning the permit issuance process, do not hesitate to contact me directly at 617/918-1545.

Sincerely,

Shelley B. Puleo
Environmental Protection Specialist
Municipal Assistance Unit

cc: NH DES