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Re. Information Request for NPDES Permit Re-issuance, NPDES Permit No. NH0001473

Dear Ms. Landis:

This letter replies to your December 8, 2015, letter sent on behalf of the Public Service Company of New Hampshire (d/b/a/ Eversource Energy or "PSNH") to the New England Regional office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). Your December 8, 2015, letter is in response to EPA's November 30, 2015, letter to PSNH seeking information with regard to the Merrimack Station power plant pursuant to Section 308(a) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA")(the "Information Request").

In the December 8, 2015, letter, PSNH requests that the 30-business day response time frame set by the Information Request for Merrimack Station is extended 45 days "in order to provide the detailed information requested in the formats specified." Several reasons were described as to why the original 30-day response time frame was not considered adequate. After review of these reasons, EPA concludes that PSNH's request is reasonable.

EPA agrees to extend the deadline for PSNH's response to a date 45 calendar days from the due date of PSNH's response to EPA's Information request regarding Merrimack Station. Therefore, PSNH must submit all information identified in the November 30, 2015, Information Request by February 29, 2016.

If you have any technical questions regarding the information request, please contact Eric Nelson at 617-918-1676. If you have any legal questions, please direct them to Mark Stein at 617-918-1077.

Sincerely,

Ken Moraff, Director
 Office of Ecosystem Protection

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