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Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Re: *Docket No. DE 08-103, Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Merrimack Station Scrubber Project***

Dear Secretary Howland:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") is pleased to provide the Commission with the attached "Progress Report" concerning the Clean Air Project's ("Project") legislatively mandated installation of a Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization ("FGD") System (i.e., "Scrubber" technology) at Merrimack Generating Station.

In the time since our previous report provided last October, 2010, exceptional progress has been made on the Project. The successful construction program has led to the early start-up, operation, and commissioning of the Project, with an official in-service date for the Scrubber of September 28, 2011. Emissions are not the only item being reduced by putting the Scrubber into service a year and a half ahead of the statutory deadline; the Project cost forecast has also been reduced to \$422 Million.

Please let us know if the Commission has any questions concerning the Clean Air Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Bersak".

Robert A. Bersak  
Assistant Secretary and  
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