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Mr. David M. Webster
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Request for Meeting on 308 Response

Dear Mr. Webster:

On November 1, 2007, Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") submitted its response (*Response to United States Environmental Protection Agency CWA Section 308 Letter: PSNH Merrimack Station Units 1 & 2, Bow, New Hampshire*) to the July 3, 2007 information request from the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). This report provided extensive information for EPA review, including supporting data and analysis by leading experts in the fields of engineering and biological assessment.

Over the past year, PSNH has submitted a number of significant reports to be considered in the EPA decision-making process. These reports include: (1) *Entrainment and Impingement Studies Performed at Merrimack Generating Station from June 2005 through June 2007*; (2) *Merrimack Station Fisheries Survey Analysis of 1967 through 2005 Catch and Habitat Data*; (3) *Merrimack Station Thermal Discharge Effects on Downstream Salmon Smolt Migration*; and (4) *A Probabilistic Thermal Model of Merrimack River Downstream of Merrimack Station*. We have not received feedback on these reports so we assume the information we have provided is fully responsive to any issues EPA may have had and will assist EPA in developing the draft permit.

In our November 1, 2007 cover letter, we proposed a meeting to discuss the PSNH response and to ensure there were no unaddressed issues or data gaps requiring further research or analysis. We would like to request such a meeting with you and appropriate technical staff in the next two weeks or as soon thereafter as possible. Please contact Allan Palmer (603-634-2439) with your availability. If you anticipate that your legal counsel will attend the meeting, please let us know so that our attorney may also attend.

Yours truly,

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