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The Northeast Utilities System

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Re: Information Request for NPDES Permit Re-issuance, NPDES Permit No: NH0001465:
Extension Request

Dear Mr. King:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") has reviewed the Section 308(a) information request (received on July 5, 2007) related to the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") development of a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit for Merrimack Station. PSNH appreciates EPA's determination to consider all appropriate information in the development of the draft permit and intends to be as fully responsive as possible to the request.

PSNH welcomes this opportunity to provide what we consider critically important information, studies, and engineering analyses; however, in light of the extensive scope of the request and PSNH staffing limits, PSNH herewith requests an extension of the 75 day response timeframe to 120 days. Such an extended timeframe will allow us to identify and organize all information responsive to the EPA request and, as appropriate, to engage professional engineering consultants and biologists to assist in developing and analyzing information not currently in-hand. We believe an extended timeframe will enable PSNH to be more fully responsive to the information request, with the goal of facilitating EPA's draft permit development.

PSNH appreciates EPA's consideration of this request for an extension. It would be helpful for planning purposes if EPA could notify us of its decision as soon as possible.

Allan Palmer (634-2439) will continue to keep you apprised of our progress in responding to this information request. Please do not hesitate to call me (634-2851) or Mr. Palmer if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

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