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RE: Release of Confidential Business Information

Dear Mr. King:

In response to your concerns and in the spirit of cooperation, Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") has determined that the "Confidential Business Information" label may be removed from the following reports submitted to the EPA in order to facilitate review and to move the process along.

1. Merrimack Station, Proposal for Information Collection, April 2005
2. Merrimack Station, Proposal for Information Collection Revisions, October 2006
3. Newington Station, Proposal for Information Collection, September 2006
4. Schiller Station, Proposal for Information Collection, October 2006

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5. Merrimack Station, Draft Report, Thermal Discharge Effects on Downstream Salmon Smolt Migration, May 2006
6. Merrimack Station, Draft Report, An Examination of Fish Catch between Trap Nets with 0.75-In and 2.00-In Mesh Sizes Deployed in Hooksett Pool of the Merrimack River (Bow, NH) During 2004 and 2005, June 2006
7. Merrimack Station, Draft Report, Fisheries Survey Results of 2004 and 2005 and Historic Trends Analysis of 1967 to 2005 Surveys, May 2006

PSNH plans to submit a final version of the Salmon Smolt Migration Study later this month, along with the Hydrothermal Modeling Report that was discussed during our meeting this past October. We also expect to submit a final version of the Historic Trends Analysis and a 316(a) Summary Report by March 15, 2007.

However, I would like to emphasize that by releasing the documents specifically listed herein, PSNH is not waiving its right to assert a business confidentiality claim, as appropriate, on other 316 documents and reports.

We hope this action by PSNH demonstrates our desire to work with EPA to resolve all 316 issues at our three power stations. Please contact Allan Palmer at (603) 634-2439 if you have any other concerns.

Very truly yours,

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