



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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BOSTON, MA 02109-3912

November 3, 2011

OFFICE OF THE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Frank C. Guinta  
Member of Congress  
33 Lowell Street  
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Congressman Guinta:

Thank you for your letter of October 25, 2011, urging the New England Regional Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to grant Public Service of New Hampshire's (PSNH) request for a 90-day extension of the public comment period on the new draft permit issued by EPA under the Clean Water Act to PSNH's Merrimack Station power plant.

Having considered PSNH's letter requesting the 90-day extension, along with your letter and other industry letters supporting the extension request, EPA has decided to extend the comment period by 90 days. It should be noted that while EPA agreed with certain of the reasons offered by PSNH for an extension, the Agency did not agree with all of them. The basis of our decision to extend the comment period is set forth in a letter sent to PSNH, a copy of which is enclosed for your review.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Rudy Brown in the Office of Government Relations at (617) 918-1031.

Sincerely,

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H. Curtis Spalding  
Regional Administrator

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The Honorable Charles F. Bass  
Member of Congress  
114 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Congressman Bass:

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The Honorable Kelly Ayotte  
United States Senator  
1200 Elm Street, Suite 2  
Manchester, NH 03101-2503

Dear Senator Ayotte:

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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senator  
1589 Elm Street, Suite 3  
Manchester, NH 03101-1205

Dear Senator Shaheen:

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