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EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF A REVISED DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTIONS 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT, AND ISSUANCE OF A STATE SURFACE WATER PERMIT UNDER NH RSA 485-A: 13, I(a).

DATE OF NOTICE: **May 23, 2014**

PERMIT NUMBER: **NH0001465**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: **NH-004-14**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH)
P.O. Box 330
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-0330**

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Merrimack Station
97 River Road
Bow, New Hampshire 03301**

RECEIVING WATER(S): **Merrimack River, Class B**

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE:

Pursuant to 40 CFR Section 124.10, the initial public comment period for the Revised Draft Permit for Merrimack Station is hereby extended an additional 60 days from June 17, 2014 to August 18, 2014. All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the Revised Draft Permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by **August 18, 2014**, to the address listed below. In addition, Region 1 is extending the **additional 35-day comment period by 30 more days during which any interested person may file a written response to the material filed by any other person**. This additional comment period begins **August 18, 2014 and ends October 22, 2014**. Public comments will be added to the Administrative Record in a timely manner to allow for review and response during the additional 65-day period. In reaching a final decision on the Revised Draft Permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

Please note that any comments submitted since the beginning of the public comment period (April 18, 2014) are considered to be valid and part of the official record. There is no need to resubmit any comments during the extended period. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division (NHDES-WD) have cooperated in the development of a Revised Draft Permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure compliance with the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. sections 1251 et seq., Chapter 485-A of the New

Hampshire Statutes: Water Pollution and Waste Disposal, and the New Hampshire Surface Water Quality Regulations, Env-Wq 1700 et seq. EPA has formally requested that the State certify the Revised Draft Permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the Revised Draft Permit will be certified.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE REVISED DRAFT PERMIT:

The particular provisions of the September 2011 Draft Permit now being reconsidered and revised are the effluent limits and reporting requirements for Outfall 003C at Part I.A.4 and for Outfall 003A at Part I.A.2. Region 1 has prepared a Revised Draft Permit and Fact Sheet that includes certain changes to these provisions from the September 30, 2011, Draft Permit. The Revised Draft Permit and explanatory Fact Sheet may be obtained at no cost at http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_nh.html or by contacting:

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The administrative record containing all documents relating to this Revised Draft Permit including all data submitted by the applicant may be reviewed at Region 1's offices in Boston, upon request or at <http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/merrimackstation/index.html>.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the Revised Draft Permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by **August 18, 2014**, to the address listed above. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and NHDES for a public hearing to consider this Revised Draft Permit. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND APPEALS:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within 30 days following the notice of the final permit decision any interested person may submit petition to the Environmental Appeals Board to reconsider or contest the final decision.

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