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Linda T. Landis, Senior Counsel Eversource Energy 780 North Commercial Street P.O. Box 330 Manchester, NH 03105-0330

Re: Draft Permit Public Notice Extension NPDES No. NH0001473 PSNH Schiller Station

Dear Ms. Landis:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in receipt of your request, dated October 20, 2015, for an extension of the period for public comment on the PSNH Schiller Station draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. PSNH requests a 60-day extension of the public notice period to allow PSNH, its consultants, and other interested parties the opportunity to submit meaningful comments.

EPA is granting your request to extend the public comment period by 60 days. Comments must be received or postmarked no later than January 27, 2016. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the conditions contained in this draft permit, do not hesitate to contact Michael Cobb of my staff at (617) 918-1369.

Additionally, in the draft permit that became available on September 30, 2015, EPA neglected to include language required in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 125.98(b)(1). EPA is correcting this oversight by including the following language to Part I.A.13.a of the draft permit: "Nothing in this permit authorizes take for the purposes of a facility's compliance with the Endangered Species Act." The corrected draft permit and explanatory fact sheet can may be obtained at no cost at http://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft permits listing nh.html. The corrected draft permit is also attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

David M. Webster, Chief Water Permits Branch

Office of Ecosystem Protection

Enclosures: Corrected Draft Permit

cc: William H. Smagula, P.E. Vice President - Generation, Eversource Energy

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division