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NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN **EXTENSION TO** THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PERTAINING TO A 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: **October 30, 2015**

PERMIT NUMBER: **NH0001473**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: **NH-001-16**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Schiller Station
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Attn: Bill Smagula, Vice President
780 North Commercial Street
Manchester, NH 03101

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Schiller Station
400 Gosling Road
Portsmouth, NH 03801

RECEIVING WATER: Piscataqua River – Class B

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

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 draft permit for the PSNH Schiller Station, which discharges non-contact cooling water and treated industrial wastewater. 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 draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

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://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 draft permit including all data submitted by the applicant is also posted at the above website or may be inspected at the EPA Boston office mentioned above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT (REVISED) AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

The original public comment period for this proposed permit was from September 30, 2015, to November 28, 2015. EPA, in response to requests for an extension of the public comment period, has extended that period to January 27, 2016. Therefore, all persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by **January 27, 2016**, 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 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. In reaching a final decision on the draft permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION:

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.

EUGENE J. FORBES, P.E., DIRECTOR
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