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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 25, 2002

John M. MacDonald
Vice President - Operations
Public Service of New Hampshire
780 North Commercial Street
Manchester, NH 03101

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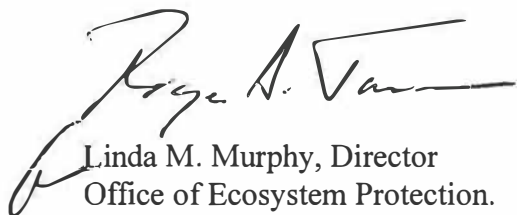
Dear Mr. MacDonald;

Reference: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. NH0001473

Your letter of August 16, 2002, requested **modifications to the intake of Unit 4 at Schiller Station**. The first requested modification was to employ a redesigned intake screen to mitigate lobster impingement. The second modification requested the removal of the second set trash racks within the screen house. EPA New England has reviewed the requested modifications and takes no exception to them. Public Service of New Hampshire is authorized; therefore, to proceed with the requested modifications. EPA has also determined no modification of NPDES Permit No. NH0001473 is required.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, do not hesitate to contact Mr. John Paul King of my staff. He may be reached at (617) 918-1295.

Sincerely,


Linda M. Murphy, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection.

cc: Permit File;

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