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***Business NH Magazine* names PSNH's Gary Long as the 2006 Business Leader of the Year**

Eight companies honored as 2006 Businesses of the Year

MANCHESTER — Gary A. Long, president and chief operating officer of Public Service of New Hampshire in Manchester, has been named the 2006 Business Leader of the Year by *Business NH Magazine* and the NH Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Long is honored for his 30-year record of professional achievement in the electric utilities sector, his contributions as a leader in the state, and his commitment to nonprofits throughout NH.

The 2006 NH Business of the Year awards went to the following companies for their outstanding civic contributions and their exceptional performance within their industries:

- Business Services — **Lavallee/Brensinger Architects** in Manchester
- Education/Nonprofit — **The Friends Program** in Concord
- Financial Services/Insurance — **Centrix Bank & Trust** in Bedford
- Health Care — **Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene** in Keene
- Manufacturing/Technology — **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard**
- Real Estate/Construction/Engineering — **Clough Harbour & Associates LLP** in Bedford
- Retail/Wholesale — **Zeb's General Store** in North Conway
- Tourism/Hospitality — **The Inns at Mill Falls** in Meredith

The companies being honored exemplify what is best about NH businesses. This is the 16th year of the recognition program, which will be featured in the May issue of *Business NH Magazine*.

A screening committee made up of chamber of commerce executives had the difficult task of paring the remarkable field of applicants to three semifinalists in each category. From there, a Panel of Excellence, made up of executives from last year's winning companies, selected the winners after careful consideration and great debate. We thank the judges who worked so hard on this project and also congratulate the winners.

Awards will be presented at a special luncheon on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel at the Center of NH in Manchester. Tickets for the luncheon are \$53 per person or \$424 for a table of eight. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the ACCE scholarship fund.

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