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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Office of Hydropower Licensing
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Merrimack River Project, FERC Project No. 1893
Final Shoreline Management Plan (Article 407)

Dear Ms. Bose,

Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") is hereby electronically filing the Final Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) for the Merrimack River Project, required by Article 407 of the Project license, issued on May 18, 2007 (119 FERC ¶ 61,170). Article 407 requires that PSNH file an SMP with the Commission, prepared in consultation with the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game, and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. By copy of this letter, the final SMP is being provided to consulting agencies on CD. Upon request from these agencies, PSNH will provide hardcopy of the plan. Please note that PSNH will also provide GIS data associated with shoreline classifications within the Project Boundary to NHDES, as a result of recent discussions with the agency.

As required by Article 407, PSNH provided a draft copy of the SMP to the consulting agencies for review and comment. Concurrently, PSNH made the draft SMP available to the public for a 45 day comment period. A public notice of the draft SMP was run in local newspapers and mailed to city and town officials and other interested parties. Prior to issuing the draft SMP, PSNH conducted a series of meetings with agencies and held public meetings, noticed in the local newspapers. Written comments have been incorporated into the Final SMP, as appropriate. Evidence of correspondence is contained in Appendix F of the SMP.

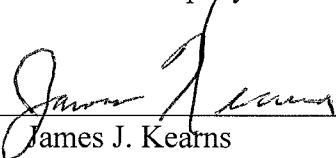
In making the draft SMP available to the public, PSNH posted the draft plan on our website and included an email address for parties to submit written comments on the plan. It was later determined that there were some issues with the functionality of the comment email address, which have since been resolved. PSNH contacted actively participating entities, including agencies, municipalities, and non-governmental organizations to ensure that comments submitted had been received. Note that despite this effort, it is possible some comments were not received.

PSNH will post the final SMP to the website and provide notice of the posting, with an email address and contact information for anyone having questions or seeking assistance with the provisions of the final SMP.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please let me know. I can be reached directly by phone at (603) 634-2936 and by e-mail at kearnjj@nu.com.

Very truly yours,

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

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