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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Re: Motion for Extension of Time to File Shoreline Management Plan
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Merrimack River Project/FERC Project No. 1893

Dear Ms. Bose,

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is Public Service Company of New Hampshire's ("PSNH") "Motion for Extension of Time to File Shoreline Management Plan" for PSNH's Merrimack River Project, FERC Project No. 1893. PSNH is requesting an extension of time until November 19, 2008 to file the plan.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please let me know. I can be reached directly at (603) 634-2326.

Very truly yours,

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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cc: Attached Service List

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
before the
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Licensee) FERC Project
Merrimack River Project) No. 1893

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Now comes Public Service Company of New Hampshire (“PSNH”) and moves for an extension of time to file the Shoreline Management Plan (“SMP”) required by Article 407 of the new license for the Merrimack River Project. In support of its Motion PSNH says:

1. On May 18, 2007, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) issued a new license to PSNH for the Merrimack River Project (FERC Project No. 1893). Article 407 of the new license requires the filing of an SMP within one year of license issuance (i.e. May 19, 2008).

2. The area covered by the required SMP includes shoreline within the cities of Concord and Manchester, New Hampshire and the towns of Hooksett, Allenstown, Pembroke and Bow, New Hampshire. Areas adjacent to the shoreline vary considerably, and include developed urban or industrial areas in Concord, Manchester and Bow, New Hampshire, farmland and forest, as well as riverside homes and cottages.

3. PSNH has been in contact with public officials in the six cities and towns within the SMP area, and met with public officials in three of the six cities and towns in February and March, 2008. PSNH held public listening sessions regarding the proposed SMP on March 17, 2008 in Concord and Manchester, New Hampshire. In light of the State of New Hampshire’s comprehensive shoreland protection regulations and permitting procedures, both public officials and members of the public expressed a decided preference for strong coordination between PSNH and state and local shoreline management requirements and permitting. New Hampshire’s shoreland protection regulations and permitting procedures are accessible at [http:// www.des.nh.gov/Rulemaking/adopted/env-wq-1400.pdf](http://www.des.nh.gov/Rulemaking/adopted/env-wq-1400.pdf) , or on the NHDES website via Rules/Regulatory, All Rules, Proposed and Recently Adopted, Env-Wq 1400, Shoreland Protection.

4. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (“NHDES”) has been in the process of revising the state’s Shoreland Protection regulations and permitting procedures in response to the “Final Report of

the Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act". Final proposed regulations were issued in January, 2008 and were just recently approved in mid-March. The status of the regulations is unclear at this time, and implementation may be delayed until later in the year. See, April 1, 2008 Manchester Union Leader article, included as Attachment 1. PSNH needs additional time to thoroughly review the final regulations and coordinate with the state and local entities in the development of an SMP that enables PSNH to meet its FERC shoreline management obligations without imposing unnecessarily duplicative federal, state and local requirements.

5. PSNH has also developed an area of its external website that includes information regarding the SMP: <http://www.psnh.com/Energy/Water/ShorelineMgmt.asp>

6. Finally, PSNH desires additional time to ensure opportunity for input from seasonal residents, who typically utilize the project during the summer season, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

7. PSNH believes an extension of time would result in an improved final plan. An extension until November 19, 2008 will allow for improved coordination of federal, state and local shoreline management efforts, as well as input from seasonal residents and users.

WHEREFORE, PSNH respectfully requests:

That the Commission extend the time for filing the final Shoreline Management Plan required by license Article 407 to November 19, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
By its Attorney

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have, on April 7, 2008 caused Public Service Company of New Hampshire's "Motion for Extension of Time to File Shoreline Management Plan" to be sent by first class mail to all Article 407 Consulting Parties set forth on the attached Service List.

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

April 7, 2008

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Shoreline Management Plan
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