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Comments of Public Service Company of New Hampshire on EPA's Revised Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. NH 0001465 for Merrimack Station

Dear Ms. DeMeo:

Enclosed please find the "Comments of Public Service Company of New Hampshire on EPA's Revised Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. NH 0001465 for Merrimack Station."

These comments are being filed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") in accordance with Section 10.0 of the Fact Sheet dated April 18, 2014, issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "the agency"), Region 1, and the letter of David M. Webster, Director, Water Permits Branch of the Office of Ecosystem Protection, dated May 22, 2014, extending the comment period until August 18, 2014.

In order to supplement the agency's information about the innovative waste water treatment systems at PSNH, and to facilitate an informed decision-making process, we have provided detailed, in-depth descriptions of both equipment and process, some of which is proprietary vendor information and some of which is company confidential information developed by PSNH engineers. As a result, a limited number of pages, listed below, must be treated as Confidential Business Information ("CBI") and not released to third parties.

The following pages contain CBI: pages 47-61; pages 84-88; page 107; and pages 123-128.

We have provided both a redacted version for the Administrative Record and an unredacted version for the agency's review.

PSNH takes great pride in its environmental accomplishments, and it is our hope that EPA develops an appreciation of those accomplishments after reviewing these comments. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly, Andatisandis

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