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***VIA ELECTRONIC AND FIRST CLASS MAIL***

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**RE: DE 08-103 – Merrimack Station Scrubber Project**

Dear Director Howland

I write on behalf of the New England Power Generators Association, Inc. (“NEPGA”) in support of TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc.’s Motion for Reconsideration and Rehearing of Order No. 24,898 pertaining to Public Service Company of New Hampshire’s (“PSNH”) planned installation of a wet flue gas desulphurization system at Merrimack Station.<sup>1</sup> NEPGA is the largest trade association representing competitive electric generating companies in New England. NEPGA’s member companies represent approximately 25,000 megawatts of generating capacity in all six states of the region, and 2,310 megawatts in New Hampshire. NEPGA’s mission is to promote sound energy policies which will further economic development, jobs, and balanced environmental policy.

Consistent with our letter dated September 17, 2008, in this matter, NEPGA respectfully requests that the Commission provide stakeholders with a full and transparent opportunity to review the details of PSNH’s proposal and provide comments on whether this initiative is in the best interest of New Hampshire’s consumers. While the time and resources that would be dedicated to this proceeding would be considerable, the process is abundantly necessary to satisfy New Hampshire’s obligation to protect consumer interests.

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<sup>1</sup> The views expressed in this letter do not necessarily represent the positions of each of NEPGA’s members. In addition, nothing in this letter should be deemed to waive any rights that NEPGA or any of its members may have to otherwise challenge the administrative, procedural or substantive validity of this proceeding in any forum.

For the foregoing reasons, NEPGA respectfully requests that the Commission grant TransCanada's Motion and provide stakeholders with a full and transparent opportunity to review the details of PSNH's proposal and provide comments on whether this initiative is in the best interest of New Hampshire's consumers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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