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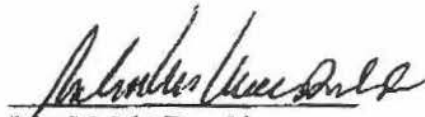
Subject: Schiller Station Unit 3 Intake Structure, NPDES Permit No. NH0001473
Reference: Letter (C11571), from L.M. Murphy to J.M. MacDonald dated September 25, 2002.

Dear Ms. Murphy:

Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) retired Unit 3 at Schiller Station in Portsmouth, NH, nearly 10 years ago. Most of the major components including the condenser and cooling water pumps have been removed from the station. The rotating screens in the cooling water intake structure have remained in place, however, and have deteriorated significantly. While we are currently in the process of completing modifications in the screenhouse on the Unit 4 intake (see Reference), PSNH requests approval to permanently remove the corroded rotating screens from Unit 3. Cooling water is no longer drawn through this intake and if it were ever to be re-activated, the rotating screens would need to be completely replaced.

In accordance with Part I, Section A.1.f. of the Schiller Station NPDES Permit, PSNH is requesting approval to modify the intake structure by removing the Unit 3 rotating screens. Please contact Allan Palmer, Senior Engineer, at 603-634-2439 if you have any questions regarding this request.

Very truly yours,


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