

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6346

Joint Petition of Public Service Company of New )  
Hampshire, Northeast Utilities and Consolidated Edison, )  
Inc., for approval of the acquisition by Consolidated )  
Edison, Inc. of Northeast Utilities, the parent company of )  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire, which will be )  
accomplished through a merger - )

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM**

On February 17, 2000, I convened a prehearing conference in this case. Edward R. Zuccaro, Esq., of Zuccaro, Willis & Bent, appeared for Public Service Company of New Hampshire and Northeast Utilities. Edwin W. Scott, Esq., appeared on behalf of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. Leslie Cadwell, Esq., appeared for the Vermont Department of Public Service.

The parties agreed to a schedule that would provide them time to work toward an agreement that would resolve the issues in this proceeding without need for hearing. They proposed filing a status report (and a draft Proposal for Decision) by March 9, 2000. I accepted this proposal.

I also established March 2, 2000, as the deadline for motions to intervene, with responses to motions to intervene due by March 9, 2000.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000.