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Jeanette A. Sypek
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99 Suffolk Street
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Dear Ms. Sypek:

On October 19, 2011, a Non-Price Retirement Request was submitted for Resource 438 – Holyoke 8 / Cabot 8 for the effective date of June 1, 2015.

ISO New England Inc. (“ISO-NE”) has reviewed this request pursuant to ISO-NE Planning Procedure No. 10 – *Planning Procedure to Support the Forward Capacity Market* (“PP-10”) and has determined that there is not a reliability need for this Resource and accordingly the Non-Price Retirement Request is accepted.

As required in PP-10, this finding was reviewed with the Reliability Committee on January 17, 2012 and ISO-NE received an advisory vote to support its finding that there is no reliability need for this Resource.

Pursuant to the ISO-NE Transmission, Markets and Service Tariff (“ISO Tariff”), this Resource and its associated market assets will be retired effective June 1, 2015 and the interconnection rights for the unit will terminate. If the Resource wishes to retire before this date, it must meet the requirements set forth in Section III.13.2.5.2.5.3 of the ISO Tariff.

If you have any questions, please contact ISO-NE’s Customer Support at (413) 540-4220 or custserv@iso-ne.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Rourke", written over a large, circular scribble.

Stephen J. Rourke
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