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Douglas Patch, Chairman  
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NH Public Utilities Commission  
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Dear Chairman Patch:

I enclose a copy of a letter dated January 19, 2000 from North Atlantic to State Treasurer Thomas concerning a change in the Investment Consultant under the Seabrook Nuclear Decommissioning Financing Fund Master Trust Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward A. Haffer', is written over a printed name.

Edward A. Haffer

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Enclosure

cc: Attached Service List

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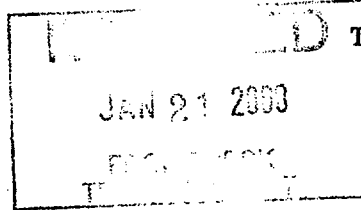
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January 19, 2000  
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Georgie A. Thomas  
New Hampshire State Treasurer  
Room 121, State House Annex  
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**Subject: Change of Seabrook NDT Independent Financial Consultant**

Dear Georgie:

As you already know Ramelle Hieronymus left Wm. M. Mercer Investment Consulting, Inc. (Mercer) at the end of last year. She will be joining the Portsmouth, NH firm of Prime, Buchholz & Associates, Inc. later this month. Ramelle has been serving in the role of the Investment Consultant as required by the Seabrook Nuclear Decommissioning Financing Fund Master Trust Agreement. It is our understanding that Mercer does not intend to replace Ramelle's nuclear decommissioning expertise nor continue to provide decommissioning financial consultant services.

We have requested and reviewed a proposal and fee estimate from Prime Buchholz. The fees are competitive with those charged by Mercer, even less costly in a year with hearings. The firm also appears to have the necessary experience, resource depth and focus to provide the services required by all parties and the Trust. They also appear committed to supporting and growing their expertise in the NDT area. Ramelle will continue to provide the primary contact for Seabrook and will have the support of other members of the firm.

With your concurrence we plan to enter into a one year trial arrangement with Prime Buchholz. If this experience proves satisfactory we plan to extend the arrangement. Please indicate your concurrence on the line below.

Very truly yours,

Brad A. Jacobson  
Finance and Accounting Services Manager

Georgie A. Thomas  
State Treasurer