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## PSNH Buys Power From N.Y. Utility

MANCHESTER (AP) — Citing the unavailability of the Seabrook nuclear project and other power supplies, Public Service Company of New Hampshire for the first time has contracted with utilities outside New England to meet anticipated short-term demand for electricity.

New Hampshire's largest power company said it has signed contracts with Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. for 50

megawatts of energy and with New Brunswick Power in Canada for 60 megawatts to meet its obligations this summer as a member of the New England Power Pool.

While the power pool has long-term contracts with the provincial utility Hydro-Quebec and has bought power outside New England in emergencies, the new contracts are the first time Public Service has had to look outside the region to

meet short-term anticipated demand, utility spokesman John Cavanagh said yesterday.

Public Service also will buy about 200 megawatts on the short-term capacity market within New England.

Joseph Staszowski, the utility's director of power planning and supply, said the purchases are needed to meet growing demand without the completed but unlicensed Seabrook reactor, the idled Pilgrim nuclear plant in Massachusetts and the