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Re: DE 06-061, Investigation into Implementation of Energy Policy Act of 2005

To Interested Persons:

The Commission is conducting a hearing on October 10, 2007 in connection with the above-referenced matter, having determined in Order No. 24,785 (August 31, 2007) that evidentiary proceedings are appropriate in connection with undertaking "to identify a policy direction and describe the actions and further inquiries needed to execute an implementation strategy" with respect to the "smart metering" standards in the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005. Order No. 24,785, slip op. at 6. The purpose of this letter is to provide additional information about how the Commission intends to proceed.

As authorized by Order No. 24,785, certain parties submitted pre-filed direct testimony on September 17, 2007. The Commission plans to enter this testimony into evidence and will expect the witnesses to appear at hearing for cross examination. Additionally, the Commission expects to consider as evidence any policy statements previously filed in this docket prior to the issuance of Order No. 24,785, provided that the authors of such statements appear at the October 10, 2007 hearing for the purposes of responding to questions on cross examination about their submissions.

The Commission has scheduled a technical session for October 2, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in this docket. The purpose of the technical session is to provide for informal discovery with respect to the testimony and policy statements referenced above. Accordingly, the proponents of these filings should attend the technical session.

Finally, consistent with its duty to keep informed pursuant to RSA 374:4, the Commission has compiled the attached bibliography. Most, but not all, of the materials are freely available on the internet. In addition, the Commission is making copies of all of the materials available for public inspection at the agency's offices during regular business hours. To the extent parties wish to supplement the bibliography or to provide additional argument in the form of briefs regarding any propositions or information contained in the materials that they believe would inform the Commission's determinations in this proceeding, they may do so in writing by October 26, 2007.

Sincerely,

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