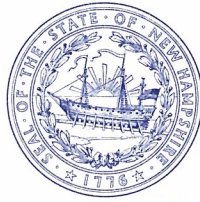


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Re: Docket No. DE 09-224
Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
Renewable Default Energy Service Rate Option
Technical Session Report and Proposed Procedural Schedule



Dear Ms. Howland:

On January 28, 2010, the Commission held a prehearing conference in Docket No. DE 09-224, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.'s (UES) renewable energy service rate option and Docket No. DE 09-225, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's (National Grid) "Green-up" renewable energy service option. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) participated in the prehearing conference on behalf of residential ratepayers pursuant to RSA 363:28. No petitions to intervene were filed in either proceeding.

Following the prehearing conferences, UES and National Grid met with the OCA and Staff in a joint technical session. Because both UES' and National Grid's proposals would limit the renewable energy service option to residential and small commercial and industrial (C&I) customers, Staff asked both Companies to provide the basis to deny large C&I the opportunity to select a renewable energy service option. The Staff also provided both Companies with the general topics of discovery it proposed regarding both plans.

The Parties and Staff prepared a procedural schedule that is intended to resulting in a settlement agreement in both Dockets. The proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

Data Requests	February 5, 2010
Responses	February 19, 2010
Technical Session	March 11, 2010 9:00 a.m. (UES and National Grid)
Settlement Filed	March 26, 2010
Hearing	April 7, 2010 1:30 p.m. (UES)

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Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this proposed procedural schedule. In the event that the Parties and Staff cannot reach agreement, the Staff will notify the Commission and propose a revised procedural schedule that may include opportunity for Staff and the OCA to file testimony.

I certify that an electronic copy of this letter will be filed with the Parties contemporaneous with its filing with the Commission. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Amidon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Suzanne Amidon
Staff Attorney

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