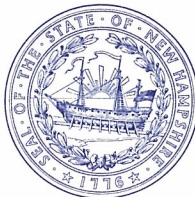


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Re: DE 10-055 Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. - Rate Case Filing

Dear Ms. Howland:

A technical session was held on Friday, May 7, 2010, following a pre-hearing conference in Docket No. DE 10-055 pursuant to Commission Order No. 25,093. Participants included representatives of Unitil, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Staff. Participants agreed on the following proposed procedural schedule and guidelines for discovery filings.

Proposed Procedural Schedule

Temporary Rates

Prehearing Conference/Tech Session	May 7
Data Requests	May 14
Data Responses	May 21
Tech Session/Settlement Discussions	May 27
Staff/Intervenor Testimony or Settlement Filing	June 2
Hearing	June 8 (June 10)*

Permanent Rates

Rolling Discovery	begins June 11
Responses to all Discovery Requests	within 14 calendar days of receipt
Final Delivery of 1 st Round of Discovery Requests	July 2
Final UES responses to 1 st Round of Discovery	July 20
Commission Audit Begins	May/June
Technical Sessions	July 28-29

2 nd Round of Discovery Requests	through August 13
Responses to all Discovery Requests	within 14 calendar days of receipt
Final UES Responses to 2 nd Round of Discovery	August 27
Draft Audit Report issued	September 8
Final Audit Report issued	September 22
Technical/Settlement Sessions	September 28-29
Discovery Requests Issued on Audit Report	October 1
Discovery Responses Due on Audit Report	October 13
Staff/Intervenor Testimony	November 5
Data Requests on Staff/Intervenor Testimony	November 17
Final Data Responses from Staff/Intervenors	December 3
Technical/Settlement Sessions	December 8-9
Rebuttal Testimony of UES	January 12
Settlement Sessions	January 19-20
Filing of Settlement, if any	January 28
Hearing on Merits	February 8-9


* The parties have requested that the Temporary Rates Hearing be rescheduled to June 10.

Discovery Procedures

Discovery will be conducted in electronic form. Confidential documents will be provided in hard copy (2 copies to Staff, 1 copy to the PUC Librarian, 1 copy to OCA), with a written statement requesting confidential treatment pursuant to Puc 203.08(d). Motions for confidential treatment will be submitted prior to or at hearing in the proceeding.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 603.271.6030 if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,


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Staff Attorney