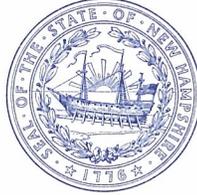


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Re: Docket No. DE 10-261
Public Service Company of New Hampshire 2010 Least Cost Integrated Resource
Plan (LCIRP)
Request for Modification of Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

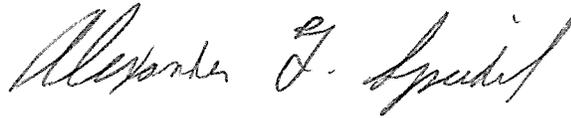
The Commission, by secretarial letter, approved Staff's proposed procedural schedule on the instant docket on December 28, 2010. Per this approved schedule, Staff, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and intervenors would submit their first round of rolling data requests to Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH, or the Company) not later than February 25, 2011. PSNH would then respond to this first round of data requests not later than March 18, 2011, with a Technical Session scheduled for March 25, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

Since December, Staff and OCA have been involved in lengthy hearings and discovery on DE 10-195, the PSNH-Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC docket. As a consequence, Staff finds it advisable to modify the procedural schedule to provide for additional time for the formulation of discovery questions. Specifically, Staff requests that Staff and OCA be allowed to tender their first round of data requests to the Company not later than March 4, 2011, with responses from the Company due not later than March 25, 2011. In turn, the Technical Session currently scheduled for March 25 would be rescheduled to take place on March 30, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. The intervenors' first round of data requests would remain due on February 25, 2011, with the Company's responses to these requests due on March 18, 2011. The remainder of the approved procedural schedule would be unchanged under Staff's proposal. The Company and OCA are in accord with this proposal.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposed modification to the procedural schedule, and for the consideration of the Commission; please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexander F. Speidel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Alexander F. Speidel
Staff Attorney

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