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Re:

Public Utilities Commission Adoption and Filing of

Proposed Rule 2011-114

Dear Director Eaton:

I am writing in response to Acting Director Sieveking's letter dated February 17, 2012, informing the Commission that it may adopt and file the proposed rule in Final Proposal 2011-114.

By this letter, the Commission files 2011-114 with your office, and confirms that 2011-114 has been adopted as of March 19, 2012. The Commission also certifies that the enclosed material is a true copy of the rule adopted by the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Ignatius

Chairman

cc: Jill K. Sieveking, Acting Director

Enclosures (2011-114 Adopted Text)

CHAPTER Puc 200 RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

PART Puc 201 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Readopt with Amendment Puc 201.05, effective 6-10-06 (Document #8657-B), to read as follows:

Puc 201.05 Waiver of Rules.

- (a) The commission shall waive the provisions of any of its rules, except where precluded by statute, upon request by an interested party, or on its own motion, if the commission finds that:
 - (1) The waiver serves the public interest; and
 - (2) The waiver will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the commission.
 - (b) In determining the public interest, the commission shall waive a rule if:
 - (1) Compliance with the rule would be onerous or inapplicable given the circumstances of the affected person; or
 - (2) The purpose of the rule would be satisfied by an alternative method proposed.
- (c) Any interested party seeking a waiver shall make a request in writing, except as provided in (d) below.
- (d) The commission shall accept for consideration any waiver request made orally during a hearing or pre-hearing conference.
 - (e) A request for a waiver shall specify the basis for the waiver and proposed alternative, if any.

APPENDIX

A cross reference of the specific sections of the state statute and federal statute or regulation, as may be applicable, which the rule is intended to implement is set forth as follows:

Rule(s)	State Statute (RSA)
Puc 201.05	RSA 365:8, XII