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Re: Docket No. DE 11-250  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Investigation of Merrimack Station Scrubber Costs and Cost Recovery  
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Commission Order No. 25,346 (April 10, 2012) directed Staff to convene the parties to develop a proposed procedural schedule for the completion of the above-captioned docket. Order No. 25,346 at 26. Staff has communicated with the parties by email and telephone conference to develop an agreed-upon schedule. That schedule is as follows:

June 15, 2012	PSNH's Filing
August 31, 2012	Rolling discovery on PSNH ends
September 14, 2012	PSNH Responses and Objections to Data Requests
September 21, 2012	Technical Session
October 5, 2012	PSNH Responses and objections to Tech Session questions
October 31, 2012	Staff and Intervenor Testimony
November 7, 2012	Data Requests to Staff and Intervenors
November 26, 2012	Staff/Intervenor Responses and objections to Data Requests
December 4, 2012	Rebuttal Testimony
December 11, 2012	Settlement Conference
December 20, 2012	File Settlement
January 8, 9, 2013	Hearing

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this procedural schedule.

Regarding discovery, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) has proposed, the following:

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- For responses up to 10 megabytes in size, it will provide those responses electronically;
- For responses greater than 10 megabytes but less than 200 pages, it will provide a hard copy to the requesting party, with copies to other parties upon request; and
- For responses greater than 10 megabytes and more than 200 pages (including engineering drawings or other documents that are not easily photocopied or scanned), PSNH would establish a physical data room to allow parties to view the documents and to make copies on a case-by-case basis as may be requested.

PSNH's proposal has not been accepted by all of the parties to the docket, particularly with respect to the establishment of a physical data room. Staff intends to continue working with the parties and PSNH to see if an agreement can be reached on the details regarding discovery and will keep the Commission apprised of any developments or issues that require Commission attention.

I certify that an electronic copy of this letter will be delivered to the parties on the service list for this proceeding at the same time the letter is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,



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Staff Attorney

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