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Debra A. Howland  
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DE 11-250  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Investigation into Costs and Cost Recovery of Scrubber Installation at Merrimack  
Station  
Report of Technical Session

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to Order No. 25,546 (July 15, 2013), a technical session in the above-captioned docket was held yesterday, July 24, 2013. Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd and TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. (TransCanada), Sierra Club and Staff attended the technical session.

Order No. 25,546 also established the procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding, including a deadline of August 23, 2013 for Staff and intervenor testimony. On July 18, 2013, the OCA filed a motion to continue the procedural schedule to allow that testimony be filed no sooner than September 20, 2013 and to include in the procedural schedule a post-hearing deadline for briefs. TransCanada, Conservation Law Foundation and Sierra Club supported the motion.

At yesterday's technical session, the parties and Staff developed an agreed-upon procedural schedule in the event that the Commission granted OCA's motion. That proposal is as follows:

Staff/Intervenor Testimony	September 30, 2013
Data Requests on Testimony	October 11, 2013
Objections/Responses to Data Requests	October 25, 2013
Rebuttal Testimony	November 15, 2013

Settlement Discussions  
Filing of Settlement, if any  
Merits Hearing

November 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.  
December 3, 2013  
December 10, 11, 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.  
each day

The parties also agreed that once Staff had completed its updated audit of the Scrubber costs, there would be an opportunity for one round of discovery requests to PSNH. The Staff audit is expected to be available in mid-August, allowing for discovery in advance of the proposed deadline for testimony.

Finally, the parties discussed the OCA's request for the opportunity for briefs following the hearing but agreed to defer to the Commission's decision at the end of the hearing as to whether legal briefs are necessary.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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