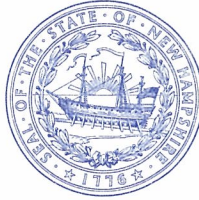


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Re: Docket No. DE 11-250
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Prudence and Recovery of Scrubber Costs at Merrimack Station
Staff Compliance with September 26, 2013 Secretarial Letter

Dear Ms. Howland:

In a Secretarial Letter issued September 26, 2013 in the above-captioned docket, the Commission directed the parties and Staff to confer and propose, if possible, an "agreed-to schedule" for the remainder of the docket, with Staff filing a report no later than October 15, 2013. This letter serves as Staff's report.

Staff conferred with the parties to the docket. Based on those discussions, Staff reports that TransCanada, Conservation Law Foundation, Sierra Club and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) agree that it would not be productive to develop a procedural schedule given PSNH's appeal on the scope of the docket now pending at the New Hampshire Supreme Court (Court). It is uncertain whether the Court will accept the appeal and, consequently, the scope of the docket is similarly in question. The above-named parties and Staff believe that, given this uncertainty, there is no purpose in developing a procedural schedule at this time. We propose that the Commission direct Staff and the parties to develop a schedule once the Court either rejects the appeal or, in the event the Court accepts the case, issues a decision on the merits.

On October 11, 2013, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a separate letter to the Commission setting forth its comments and a proposal regarding the procedural schedule.

I certify that a copy of this letter has been served electronically to the parties on the service list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne G. Amidon".

Suzanne G. Amidon, Esq.
Staff Attorney

Service List (electronically)