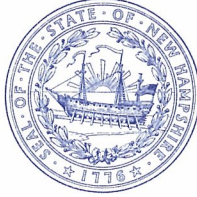


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April 2, 2009

Re: DE 08-145, Freedom Logistics, LLC and Halifax American Energy Company  
Investigation into Modifications to Merrimack Station  
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On January 16, 2009, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of Freedom Logistics, LLC and Halifax American Energy Company, Conservation Law Foundation, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (participating as a full statutory party), and Commission Staff.

On March 27, 2009, Staff filed a letter summarizing subsequent technical sessions and discussions regarding the development of a set of agreed-upon facts as directed by the Commission at the prehearing conference. According to Staff, to date the parties have only agreed to a limited number of facts. In light of the Commission's intent to resolve this proceeding as expeditiously as possible, Staff proposed that the Commission establish April 1, 2009 as the deadline to file any stipulated facts. In addition, Staff recommended that the parties also file by that date their recommendations as to how the case should proceed.

The Commission has determined that the parties should file by April 8, 2009 any stipulated facts and recommendations on how the Commission should proceed to resolve the issues presented in this docket.

In addition, the pending motion to intervene of Conservation Law Foundation has been granted. All other motions and objections thereto remain under advisement.

For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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