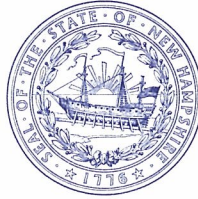


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April 14, 2010

Re: DE 09-035, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Distribution Rate Case
Suspension of Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On April 9, 2010, Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a request seeking to suspend the procedural schedule to allow additional time for settlement discussions. PSNH suggests that a deadline of April 23, 2010 be established for filing a settlement agreement along with a recommendation for a new procedural schedule. PSNH represents that the Office of the Consumer Advocate and Staff concur in the request.

The Commission has determined to grant the request and suspend the procedural schedule until April 23, 2010 at which time the Parties and Staff should file either a settlement agreement with a recommended procedural schedule or, absent a settlement agreement, a procedural schedule to complete this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland", is written over a horizontal line.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director