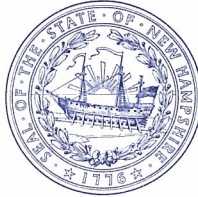


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December 11, 2009

Re: DG 09-141, Northern Utilities, Inc.  
Petition for Approval of Proposed Financial Hedging Redesign  
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On December 7, 2009, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of Unitil Service Corporation d/b/a Northern Utilities, Inc., the Office of the Consumer Advocate (participating as a full statutory party), and Commission Staff. All pending motions to intervene were granted.

Following the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated December 8, 2009:

Technical Session	01/12/10
Staff & Intervenor Data Requests to Company	01/15/10
Company Data Responses	01/29/10
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	02/09/10
Staff & Intervenor Testimony	02/23/10
Company Data Requests to Staff & Intervenor	02/25/10
Staff & Intervenor Data Responses	03/05/10
Hearing on the Merits	03/09/10

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

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