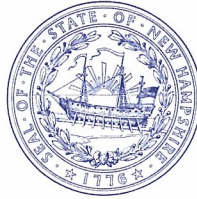


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Re: Docket No. DE 09-170
Electric Utilities 2010 Core Energy Efficiency Programs
Notice of Settlement and Request for Waiver of Rules



Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket, the parties and Staff met in technical session yesterday at which time we agreed to the general terms of a Settlement Agreement to present to the Commission at the hearing scheduled for December 22, 2009.

Because the written agreement will not be ready until the end of the week, pursuant to Puc 201.05, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission waive Puc 203.20(e) which requires the filing of settlements no less than 5 days prior to the hearing. Staff avers that late filing will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

Suzanne Amidon, Esq.
Staff Attorney

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