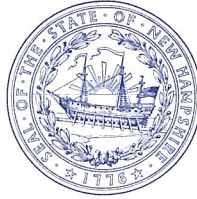


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Re: DE 09-174, Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Petition for Declaratory Ruling Re: Penacook Lower Falls Pricing  
Report of Technical Session

Dear Ms. Howland:

Following the December 8, 2009 pre-hearing conference in the above-captioned matter, representatives of Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Briar Hydro Associates and Staff met in a technical session. Pursuant to discussions during that technical session it was determined that a full procedural schedule need not be developed at this point. Included, therefore, is a schedule outlining the next procedural steps to which the parties have agreed for this docket.

Parties Exchange Analyses/Accountings on Disputed Contract	12/18/09
PSNH to Provide Draft Stipulation of Facts to Parties for Review	1/8/10
Stipulation of Facts Filed with the Commission	1/22/10

A technical session/settlement negotiation will be held at some point following the filing of the Stipulation of Facts. The parties will endeavor to keep the Commission informed about the progress of the docket, but do not believe that formal Commission action is required at this time. Should the need arise for further proceedings before the Commission, the parties will inform the Commission of such need. Please contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew J. Fossum".

Matthew J. Fossum  
Staff Attorney