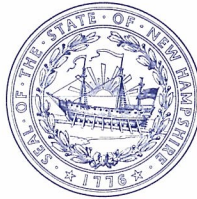


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October 27, 2009

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21 South Fruit Street  
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Re: Docket No. DE 09-186  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Proposed Renewable Default Energy Service Rate  
Proposed Procedural Schedule



Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 9, 2009, the Commission issued an order of notice scheduling a prehearing conference for October 26, 2009 in the above captioned docket. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter indicating that it would be participating on behalf of retail customers pursuant to RSA 363:28. Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid filed a motion to intervene although the company did not appear at the prehearing conference. No party objected to the motion to intervene.

Following the prehearing conference, the parties met in technical session and commenced discussion of some of the issues in the filing. As a result of our discussion, it appears that the parties may be able to reach settlement regarding the matters in this docket. Therefore, Staff requests the Commission approve the following procedural schedule:

Data Requests	November 4, 2009
Responses to Data Requests	November 20, 2009
Technical Session	December 4, 2009 (9:00 a.m.)
Filing of Settlement	January 5, 2010
Hearing	January 13, 2010 (10:00 a.m.)

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In the event that we can't reach settlement, Staff will meet with the parties and propose a procedural schedule that includes testimony.

Thank you for your attention. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Amidon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Suzanne Amidon, Esq.  
Staff Attorney

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