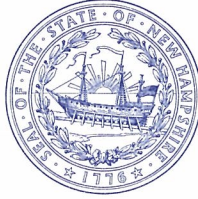


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Re: DE 10-188 2011 Core Electric Programs and Natural Gas Energy  
Efficiency Programs  
Modification to Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to Puc §201.05, please accept this letter as a formal request for a waiver of the of the Commission's rule requiring Settlements be filed no less than 5 days prior to the hearing, Puc §203.20. The parties are attempting to finalize the conditions of a partial Settlement Agreement. If we achieve settlement, we intend to file the finalize Settlement Agreement before the close of business on December 14, 2010. The hearing in this matter is scheduled for December 16, 2010.

In support of its request for waiver, Staff states extending the time to file a settlement will promote the orderly conduct of the proceeding

The Commission may waive one or more of its rules if "The waiver serves the public interest and the waiver will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the commission." Puc §201.05(a).

Sincerely,

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

Suzanne G. Amidon  
Staff Attorney

cc: Service List (electronic distribution)