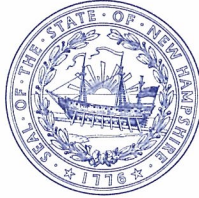


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Re: Docket No. DE 11-215
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Petition to Establish 2012 Energy Service Rate



Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 17, 2011, the Commission held a prehearing conference in the above captioned docket. The Commission's appointed its General Counsel, F. Anne Ross, to serve as hearings examiner. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter on October 12, 2011 stating that it would be participating in this docket on behalf of residential ratepayers pursuant to RSA 363:28. Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) filed a motion to intervene; Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a timely objection to the motion. CLF requested an opportunity to respond in writing to PSNH's objection.

Following the prehearing conference, the Parties and Staff met in technical session and agreed to the following procedural schedule:

Rolling Data Requests	Through October 28, 2011
Data Request Responses	Through November 10, 2011
Technical Session	November 16, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff Testimony	November 23, 2011
Testimony Data Requests	November 30, 2011
Data Request Responses	December 9, 2011
PSNH Filing Update	December 14, 2011
Phone Conf. re Update	December 16, 2011
Hearing on Merits	December 19, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

As described in its October 14, 2011 filing in this docket, PSNH proposes to include costs associated with the flue gas desulfurization system (scrubber) at Merrimack Station in energy

service rates effective January 1, 2012. Consequently, the Parties wanted to alert the Commission of the possibility that there will be discovery disputes in this proceeding. It is unknown at this time how such disputes could affect the procedural schedule; however, Staff will attempt to provide the Commission timely notification of any issues related to the procedural schedule.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this proposed schedule.

Sincerely,



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