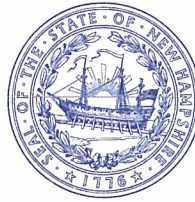


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RE: DE 11-250 PSNH Investigation of Scrubber Costs and Cost Recovery

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing to inform the Commission that the OCA and PSNH are in discussions regarding PSNH's objections to the OCA's Set 1 Data Requests in the above-referenced docket. The Commission has required that motions to compel be filed within five business days of receipt of responses or objections. *See* Secretarial Letter, December 23, 2011. The OCA received objections from PSNH on January 9, 2012, and data responses are due January 13, 2012. Under the accelerated schedule, motions to compel would be due on January 17, 2012. Because the OCA and PSNH wish to continue to explore informal resolution of areas of dispute, we have agreed that the OCA's motion to compel, if necessary, would not be due until January 20, 2012. We believe that the additional time would be useful, and that it will not negatively impact the schedule in the docket.

Please advise me as soon as possible if the terms agreed to between PSNH and the OCA concerning OCA's filing of a motion to compel PSNH's responses to data requests, if any, is not acceptable to the Commission. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Hatfield", written over a circular embossed seal.

Meredith A. Hatfield
Consumer Advocate

cc: Service List via electronic mail

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