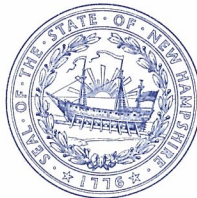


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February 1, 2012

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Re: Docket No. DE 11-250  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Investigation of Scrubber Costs and Cost Recovery  
Proposed Modification of Procedural Schedule



Dear Ms. Howland:

On December 23, 2011, the Commission approved a procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket which scheduled a hearing on temporary rates on February 15 and 16, 2012 and a deadline of February 3, 2012 for the filing of Staff/Intervenor testimony.

As you know, the Commission will have two vacancies on the scheduled hearing dates and it is anticipated that the nominees for those vacancies may not receive Governor and Council approval until March 7, 2012. Staff, therefore, requests that the Commission reschedule the hearing to March 12 and March 13, 2012. In addition, Staff requests that the deadline for filing Staff/Intervenor testimony be rescheduled to February 24, 2012. Staff has sought the position of the parties and intervenors on these proposed changes and reports as follows: Public Service Company of New Hampshire assents to Staff's request; Conservation Law Foundation and Sierra Club (Joint Intervenor) support Staff's request; and the Office of Consumer Advocate does not object to the request. Staff has not heard from TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd. and TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc. (TransCanada) and New England Power Generators Association (NEPGA) (also Joint Intervenor) regarding their position on the proposed change to the procedural schedule.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve these changes to the procedural schedule. I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically to parties on the service list when the letter is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

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

Suzanne G. Amidon  
Staff Attorney

cc: Service List