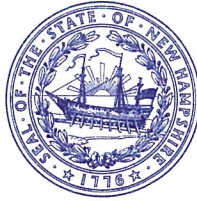


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**RE: DE 11-250 PSNH – Investigation of Scrubber Costs**

Dear Ms. Howland:


On August 12, 2014, the Commission issued a Secretarial letter setting a technical session for August 18, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) is unable to attend and submits this letter for consideration.

The OCA supports the Commission's decision to keep the final hearing dates scheduled for the week of October 13, 2014. The OCA recommends the Commission add a post hearing date of October 31 for all parties to submit closing briefs on the appropriate legal standards to apply to the facts presented at the adjudicative hearing.

For the remaining procedural schedule, the OCA submits the following recommendation:

Motions to Compel re: Discovery	August 22
Objections	August 29
Hearing on Motions to Compel	September 9
Pretrial Motions to Strike	September 12
Objections to Motions to Strike	September 17
Hearing on Pretrial Motions	September 22

Respectfully submitted,

  
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