

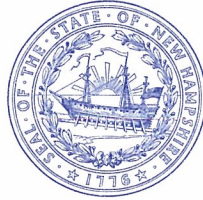
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Re: Docket No. DW 13-126 Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. – Rate Case
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU), the Office of the Consumer Advocate, Staff and an interested customer met in a technical session following the prehearing conference in this matter held on July 19, 2013. Staff and the parties developed the following proposed procedural schedule for the Commission's consideration and approval:

Discovery Set 1 (temporary rate issue)	08/21/13
Responses	09/12/13
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	09/19/13, 9:00 AM
File Settlement on temporary rates	10/16/13
Temporary Rate Hearing	10/23/13, 10:00 AM
Discovery Set 2 (permanent rate issues)	11/21/13
Responses	12/18/13
Discovery Set 3	01/22/14
Responses	02/05/14
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	02/27/14, 9:00 AM
Testimony--Staff, OCA, Intervenors	04/24/14
Discovery by Company	05/08/14
Responses	06/05/14
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	06/12/14
Rebuttal Testimony and/or File Settlement	06/26/14
Hearing on the merits	07/15/14, 9:00 AM

Staff and the parties agree to exchange discovery and filings by email. Staff and the parties assume that Staff's audit will be complete and available for use in developing Set 3 data requests. If there is a delay and the audit is not available for Set 3, Staff and the parties will likely request a delay in the procedural schedule. We will wait, however, if and until that happens before requesting a modification to the proposed schedule. Filings made directly to the Commission will follow the usual seven hardcopies plus an electronic copy, pursuant to Puc 203.02. Technical sessions contained in the proposed procedural schedule will be conducted so as to allow teleconferencing if parties are unable to physically attend.

With respect to PEU's request in its petition to waive portions of Puc Chapter 1604, the Commission reaffirmed its order and granted the waiver motion at the prehearing. Staff notes that action here to simply provide documentation of that action. Additionally, at the prehearing conference the Commission granted the Town of Litchfield's petition to intervene.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the proposed procedural schedule.

Sincerely,



Marcia A. Brown
Staff Attorney

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