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Re: DE 14-238, Determination Regarding PSNH's Generating Assets Joint Motion by City of Berlin and Town of Gorham to Compel Production of LaCapra Documents in Advance of Tech Session/Deposition on October 26, 2015 and/or for Alternate Relief and for Expedited Ruling

To the Parties:

On October 22, 2015, the City of Berlin and the Town of Gorham (together, "Municipalities") filed the above-captioned pleading (Motion) requesting that the Commission compel LaCapra Associates, Inc., (LaCapra), to produce certain documents to the Municipalities. The materials in question are referenced on page 3 of the Motion, and are related to 2014 and 2015 reports LaCapra produced on behalf of Commission Staff (Staff) as Staff's consultant, and in one instance, an unredacted version of the 2014 report itself. The Municipalities requested that these materials be produced by LaCapra in advance of a deposition/technical session ordered by the Commission for October 26, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at which LaCapra personnel would provide sworn answers. As an alternative form of relief, the Municipalities requested that the deposition/technical session be rescheduled until LaCapra provided these materials to the Municipalities, and as an additional form of alternative relief, requested that the period for submission of data requests and supplemental testimony be reopened for a sufficient period to allow additional data requests to Staff and its consultant LaCapra to obtain the documents. Motion at 6-7.

The Commission has reviewed the Motion and in light of the request for expedited relief by the Municipalities, has elected to transmit the following ruling by secretarial letter. The Commission has denied the Municipalities' request, insofar as it ordered at an October 8, 2015 public hearing, that the planned October 26, 2015 deposition/technical session would provide parties an opportunity for oral interrogatories of LaCapra personnel and was not intended to expand discovery. Accordingly, the Municipalities' motion is denied, as are the alternative forms of relief.

Sincerely, ele A. Howled

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