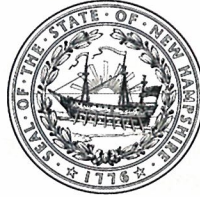


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Re: Docket DE No. 15-415
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Petition to Establish 2016 Energy Service Rate
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to a duly issued Order of Notice, the Commission held a prehearing conference in the above-captioned docket on October 26, 2015. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter of participation in the docket on October 19, 2015, but did not attend the prehearing conference. No petitions to intervene were filed in this docket.

At the prehearing conference, Eversource noted that the filing was prepared in the usual manner, with the exception that the Company is seeking to begin full recovery of costs associated with the wet flue gas desulphurization (Scrubber) system at Merrimack Station beginning with rates effective January 1, 2016. Currently, Eversource recovers Scrubber costs through a temporary rate of 0.98 cents per kWh. Staff pointed out that the Commission will have to take specific action to approve the recovery of those costs before the Company can include such costs in rates. Eversource indicated that it will provided updated estimates of the Stranded Cost Recovery Charge rate before the hearing.

Staff distributed a proposed procedural schedule before the prehearing conference and did not hear any disagreement from the OCA regarding the proposal. The schedule, to which Eversource agrees, is as follows:

Data Requests	November 6, 2015
Reponses	November 20, 2015
Technical Session	December 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
Eversource Update	December 11, 2015
Phone Conference	December 15, 2015, time TBD
Merits Hearing	December 16, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

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Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this procedural schedule. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Goulet Amidon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Suzanne Goulet Amidon
Staff Counsel

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