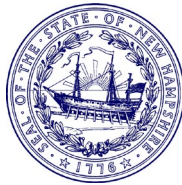


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Re: DW 23-020 Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. Request for Step II Adjustment,  
*DOE On-going Efforts to File a Proposed Procedural Schedule*

Dear Chairman, Goldner:

A prehearing conference was held in this docket on May 2, 2023. See Commission's *Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Prehearing Conference* (April 6, 2023); *Prehearing Order* (May 4, 2023). During the prehearing conference (PHC) the New Hampshire Department of Energy ("DOE" or "Department") stated that it would submit a proposed procedural schedule subsequent to the technical session. See *Prehearing Order* at 3.

The Department discussed a proposed procedural schedule with the parties at the PHC and has continued to work with all interested parties to reach an agreed upon schedule. While the parties are making progress, dates which seemed final were recently subject to re-negotiation due to an unforeseeable conflict for one of the parties and resulting scheduling complexities for other parties.

The Department continues to work diligently to establish an agreed-upon procedural schedule among all interested parties. The Department anticipates filing a schedule with the Commission at the end of the week. If that is not possible, the Department will file an additional status report. In the alternative, the Department may file its own proposed procedural schedule for further comment by any and all interested parties.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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