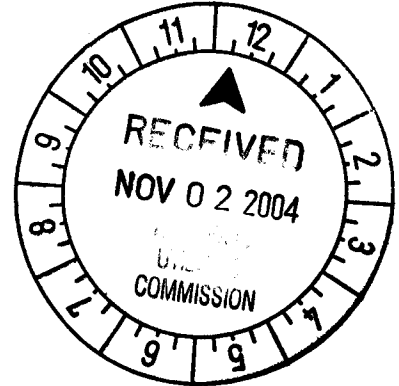


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Re: DW 04-048

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing in response to the October 20 letter from Attorney Steven Camerino and the October 25 letter from Attorney Steven Judge regarding the prehearing conference that has been scheduled for November 10 in the Nashua/Pennichuck eminent domain case. I am counsel to the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire and wish to participate on behalf of Merrimack at the prehearing conference. Unfortunately, I am also unavailable on November 10. I would appreciate it if the Commission would consider rescheduling the prehearing conference to the timeframe referred to in the letter from Attorney Judge (the week of December 6 or 13) or such other date in December as the Commission may determine to be appropriate.

In addition, I would note that the Town of Merrimack has recently experienced a change in its Town Manager, and a change in the date of the prehearing conference will enable the Town to be in a better position to provide its position in this matter to the Commission at the prehearing conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E. Boutin", written over a horizontal line.

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