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Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301



Re: Docket No. DW 04-048
City of Nashua, RSA 38 Proceeding

Dear Ms. Howland:

As you know, the Commission has instructed me pursuant to RSA 363:17 to hear the parties, report the facts and make recommendations with respect to the pending motion to compel discovery in this docket. I conducted a discovery conference this morning as scheduled. Present were representatives of the petitioner, the respondent and the Office of Consumer Advocate. Ms. Claire McHugh and Ms. Barbara Pressly also attended.

Discussions aimed at reaching an informal resolution were at least somewhat productive. The petitioner received certain proposals from the respondent with respect to narrowing and/or clarifying the requests at issue, agreeing to indicate by May 5, 2006 the extent to which it would provide responses on that basis. Accordingly, I agreed to forbear through that date with respect to making my recommendations to the Commission.

Counsel are requested to keep me informed of the progress of their efforts to reach an informal resolution. I am willing to participate in further discussions, either in person or via conference call, if it would assist the parties in resolving their discovery issues. I will make my recommendations to the Commission on or after May 8, 2006 as to any unresolved issues raised in the motion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Kreis".

Donald M. Kreis
Hearings Examiner/Staff Attorney

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