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Re: DE 07-064 Energy Efficiency Rate Mechanisms

Dear Ms. Howland:

On June 18, 2007, following the prehearing conference, staff and parties attended a technical session and discussed the scope and progress of this important policy docket.

Scope of the Proceeding

The staff and parties agreed that the scope of the docket should be expanded to include the two natural gas companies, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England and Northern Utilities, Inc. KeySpan has already intervened in the proceeding. The Parties also had lengthy discussions about the Commission’s intended scope of the docket. The parties agreed to file additional requests for clarification and/or amendment of the scope by June 29, 2007.

Initial Procedural Schedule

The parties agreed to the following schedule for the initial stage of this docket.

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| Comments by the parties to the Commission on scope of proceeding                 | June 29, 2007              |
| Parties’ preliminary questions and topic suggestions to the Staff                | July 13, 2007              |
| Baseline presentation by utilities and discussion of ongoing procedural schedule | July 30, 2007<br>9:00 a.m. |

Staff and the parties agreed that the baseline presentations by the utilities would be designed to assist the parties in understanding current regulatory methods and should also present the utilities' assessment of all existing incentives and barriers to energy efficiency investment. As part of the baseline presentation, the parties also requested a presentation concerning the status of existing energy efficiency programs and investments in New Hampshire.

In order to insure that the baseline presentations meet parties' needs, the parties agreed to submit preliminary questions and topics to assist in focusing the presentations. Staff agreed to serve as a clearing point for preliminary questions and topic suggestions and to produce a compiled list of topics prior to the baseline presentations.

Staff and the parties request that the Commission expand the Order of Notice to include the two natural gas companies; approve this initial procedural schedule; and make any additional clarifications or amendments to the scope of this proceeding it deems appropriate once it has received additional comments on June 29, 2007.

Sincerely yours,



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