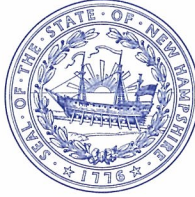


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Re: DG 07-072 Carrying Charge Rate on Supply Related Cash Working Capital

Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff requests that the Commission continue the hearing scheduled for February 4, 2009, to a later date. Staff, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Northern Utilities, Inc., Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and EnergyNorth Natural Gas d/b/a National Grid NH have reached a settlement of the issues in this case and plan to file two settlement agreements with the Commission.

Staff has contacted all parties to this docket and no party has any objection to Staff's and the Companies' request to continue the hearings until after the two settlement agreements are filed in this case.

We have served this request on all parties listed on the service list by electronic mail pursuant to NH Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. Anne Ross".

F. Anne Ross, Esq.
General Counsel

cc: Service List