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Re:

DG 08-009, National Grid NH

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Revised Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On September 3, 2008, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) submitted a partially assented-to motion for revisions to the current procedural schedule in the above-referenced matter. The motion states that delays in the issuance of a final audit report will cause the OCA to file its testimony without the opportunity to review and conduct further discovery on the final audit. The OCA notes that if it is required to file testimony without this opportunity, it may have to request permission to file supplemental testimony which could cause undue hardship to the OCA and would further delay the proceeding. The motion also asserts that the proposed revised schedule occurs within the 12 month time frame set out in RSA 378:6, I (a)

The Commission has determined that revising the procedural schedule will not unduly delay the proceeding nor prejudice any party. Accordingly, the hearing currently scheduled to commence January 6, 2009 has been rescheduled to commence on January 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. and the following procedural schedule is approved:

Company meeting w/Audit Staff on draft Audit Report	09/17/08
Final Audit Report	09/29/08
Technical Session	10/02/08 and 10/03/08
Fourth set of data requests to Company	10/07/08
Company's responses to 4 th set of data requests	10/17/08
Staff and Intervenor Testimony	10/31/08
Data Requests to Staff and Intervenors	11/14/08
Settlement Conference	11/20/08
Responses from Staff and Intervenors	12/05/08
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	12/10/08
Company Rebuttal Testimony	12/15/08
Data Requests to Company on Rebuttal Testimony	12/22/08
Company Responses to Data Requests on Rebuttal Testimony	01/08/09
Settlement Conference	01/14/09 and 01/15/09

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01/20/09 01/27/09 thru 01/29/09 02/13/09

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