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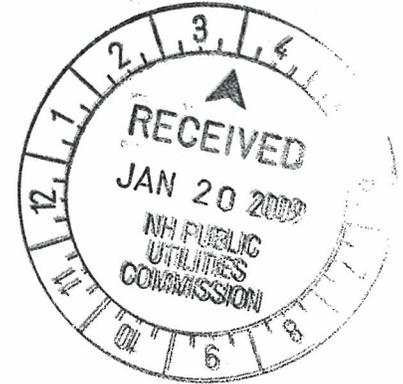
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RE: DG 08-009 National Grid NH

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing on behalf of the parties to inform the Commission that the parties in the above-referenced case are actively negotiating a settlement of most issues in the case, and will not be able to meet the deadline for filing a settlement agreement today as required by Puc 203.22(e). Therefore, we respectfully request that the Commission accept a late-filed settlement pursuant to Puc 203.33(f). It is the parties' intention to file a settlement agreement as soon as possible and no later than Friday January 23, 2009.

We also wish to inform the Commission that the issue of Return on Equity (ROE) will not be resolved by the settlement, and will be fully litigated during the hearing. The parties, however, believe that we will only need two days for hearings, and respectfully request that the Commission hold the final hearing in the case on Wednesday January 28 and Thursday January 29, 2009.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I have provided a copy of this letter to all parties in this docket by electronic mail.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edmond M. Damon".

Ed Damon,
Director, Legal Division

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