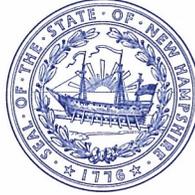


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Re: DW 08-073 – Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.
Temporary and Permanent Rate Proceeding
Staff and Party Recommendation on Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Commission Staff, Office of the Consumer Advocate, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., City of Nashua, and Anheuser-Busch, Inc., participated in a technical session today and developed the below procedural schedule for the Commission's consideration. Ms. Barbara Pressly, who appeared at the prehearing to make a public statement, did not attend the technical session.

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| September 5, 2008 | Company to file revisions to filing |
| September 24, 2008 | Temporary Rate Data Requests to Company |
| October 15, 2008 | Data Responses from Company |
| October 24, 2008 | Technical Session/Settlement Conference, 9:30 am |
| November 10, 2008 | Staff/Intervenor Testimony |
| November 12, 2008 | Hearing on Temporary Rates, 10 am |
| December 09, 2008 | Permanent Rate Data Requests to Company |
| January 06, 2009 | Data Responses from Company |
| January 20, 2009 | Permanent Rate Data Requests to Company |
| February 10, 2009 | Data Responses from Company |
| February 20, 2009 | Technical Session, 9 am |
| March 24, 2009 | Staff/Intervenor Testimony |
| April 07, 2009 | Data Requests to Staff/Intervenors |
| April 21, 2009 | Staff/Intervenor Data Responses |
| April 28, 2009 | Technical Session / Settlement Conference, 9 am |
| May 7, 2009 | Company Rebuttal Testimony |
| May 19, 2009 | Hearing on the Merits, 10 am |

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Proposed Procedural Schedule

Staff and the parties have agreed to conduct discovery electronically, to the extent practicable, to minimize mailing bulk paper. Staff and the parties will also provide copies of filings with the Commission to the service list electronically, again, to the extent practicable. With respect to discovery deadlines, it is the intent of the Staff and the parties to use the close of business as the deadline for distributing discovery on the date specified.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this proposed procedural schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia A. B. Thunberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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