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August 17, 2009

Re: DE 09-035, Public Service Company of New Hampshire Distribution Service Rate Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On August 12, 2009, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Retail Merchants Association, Business & Industry Association, Conservation Law Foundation, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (participating as a full statutory party), and Commission Staff.

Following the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated August 14, 2009:

> Rolling Data Requests Final Data Responses Technical Session Technical Session Additional Data Requests Data Responses Technical Session Technical Session Staff & Intervenor Testimony Data Requests on Testimony Data Responses **Technical Session** Technical Session Rebuttal Testimony File Settlement Hearings on the Merits

08/14/09 through 10/23/09 11/06/09 11/18/09 at 9:00 a.m. 11/20/09 at 9:00 a.m. 11/25/09 12/11/09 12/16/09 at 9:00 a.m 12/17/09 at 9:00 a.m. 01/15/10 01/29/10 02/12/10 03/03/10 at 9:00 a.m. 03/04/10 at 9:00 a.m. 03/24/10 04/09/10 04/20, 04/21, 04/22/10 at 10:00 a.m. The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Duene A. Moulad

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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