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February 23, 2010

Re: DE 10-001, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.  
Investigation into the Ice Storm of 2008  
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On February 11, 2010, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES), Granite State Electric d/b/a National Grid (National Grid), the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff. National Grid's January 25, 2010 request for intervention was taken under advisement at the prehearing conference.

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 February 12, 2010:

Technical Session	02/25/10 at 10:00 a.m. at UES, Hampton
Data Request to Company, Set 1	03/04/10
Data Responses	03/12/10
Technical Session	03/22/10 at 10:00 a.m.
Data Requests to Company, Set 2	03/26/10
Data Responses	04/02/10
Technical Session, if needed	04/06/10 at 10:00 a.m.
Staff and Intervenor Testimony	04/15/10
Data Requests to Staff and Intervenors	04/22/10
Data Responses	05/03/10
Company Rebuttal Testimony	05/17/10
Settlement Discussions	05/25/10
File Settlement	06/04/10
Hearing on the Merits	06/22/10 at 10:00 a.m.

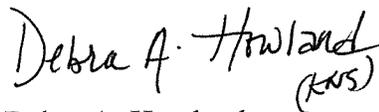
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National Grid filed its motion to intervene as a public utility providing retail electric service in New Hampshire with a “substantial interest in monitoring the proceeding.” The Commission has determined that National Grid has not stated facts demonstrating that its rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 I(b). Accordingly, Granite State’s request has been denied. At the same time, Granite State states that it seeks to intervene “so that it may remain aware of the Commission’s consideration of the issues contained in the Order of Notice,” which it may do without formal status as a party to the proceeding. Granite State, and any other interested party, can monitor the developments in this docket by viewing docket filings on the Commission’s website, reviewing discovery on file in the Commission’s library, and attending hearings or technical sessions, so long as confidential information is not discussed. Further, pursuant to Puc 203.18, the Commission routinely allows public comment from persons who do not have intervenor status who wish to voice support or concerns about issues raised in a docket.

Finally, 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,



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Executive Director

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