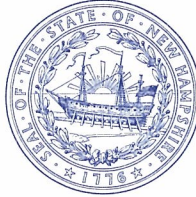


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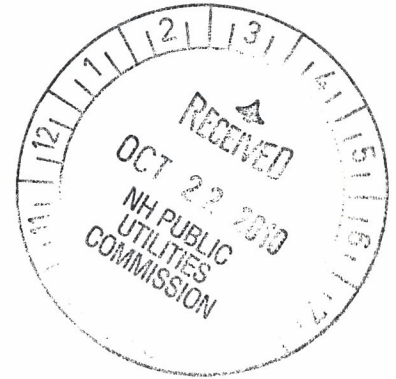
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Re: Docket No. DE 10-195
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Petition for Approval of Long-Term Power Purchase Agreement
with Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC
Concord Steam Motion to Continue Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 21, 2010, Concord Steam Corporation and the Wood-Fired IPPs, intervenors in the above-captioned docket, filed a Joint Motion with the Commission to continue the procedural schedule. The purpose of this letter is to convey Staff's support for the Joint Motion.

Staff has not completed discovery on the key issues raised by Public Service Company of New Hampshire's (PSNH) petition in this docket. Although both PSNH and Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC (Laidlaw) have been responsive to most of Staff's data requests, Staff has only just begun to analyze the data and documents provided in the responses and anticipates that more discovery will be needed. In addition, upon information and belief, the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) will not consider Laidlaw's request to release confidential SEC transcripts to Staff any sooner than today. Since the current procedural schedule requires all data requests to be issued by October 25, 2010, Staff will have no opportunity to ask questions on the information contained in the confidential SEC transcripts, much less complete its review of material now in its possession.

Finally, PSNH's letter of October 19, 2010 can be read to imply that the Company will seek reconsideration of Order No. 25,158 (October 15, 2010). In that order, the Commission acknowledged that "discovery disputes may impact the procedural schedule and [the Commission] will consider requests for modifications to the procedural schedule as needed and will act promptly on such requests." Order No. 25,158 at 14.

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Inasmuch as the Joint Motion attests to the challenges of the Wood-IPPs and Concord Steam Corporation in their attempts to conduct discovery of PSNH and Laidlaw, we urge the Commission to grant the motion to continue the procedural schedule.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 271-6616. Parties on the service list will receive an electronic copy of this letter when it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Amidon', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Suzanne Amidon
Staff Attorney

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