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| N.H.P.U.C. Case No.            | DE 10-261      |
| Exhibit No.                    | TransCanada #2 |
| Witness                        | Panel #2       |
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Re: DE 10-261, Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
2010 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan  
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On November 18, 2010, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances were entered by representatives of Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Granite Ridge Energy, LLC, Conservation Law Foundation, TransCanada Power Marketing, Ltd. and TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc., New Hampshire Sierra Club, the Office of Energy and Planning, Freedom Logistics, LLC d/b/a Freedom Energy Logistics, New England Power Generators Association, Inc., the Office of the Consumer Advocate, 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 December 2, 2010:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Rolling Data Requests from Staff/Intervenors | Ending 02/25/11              |
| Data Responses to 1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Rolling Data Requests      | 03/18/11                     |
| Technical Session   | 03/25/11 at 10:00 a.m.       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round of Data Requests from Staff/Intervenors         | 04/08/11                     |
| Data Responses to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round of Data Requests              | 04/22/11                     |
| Staff/Intervenor Testimony  | 05/20/11                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Data Requests to Staff/Intervenors           | 06/10/11                     |
| Data Responses to 1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Data Requests              | 07/01/11                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round of Data Requests to Staff/Intervenors           | 07/15/11                     |
| Data Responses to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round of Data Requests              | 08/05/11                     |
| Rebuttal Testimony  | 08/22/11                     |
| Settlement Conference   | 09/08/11 at 9:00 a.m.        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round of Data Requests from Staff/Intervenors         | 09/16/11                     |
| Data Responses to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round of Data Requests              | 09/30/11                     |
| Hearing on the Merits   | 10/05/-10/6/11 at 10:00 a.m. |

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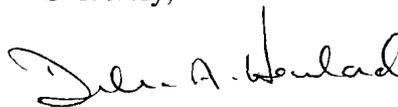
The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. In addition, all pending motions to intervene have been granted.

The December 2, 2010 Staff letter identified the following issues that the Parties and Staff agreed are within the scope of the docket: PSNH's compliance with directives of Order No. 24,945 entered in DE 07-108 on February 27, 2009, and the statutory requirements of RSA 378:38. The letter also noted that the parties and Staff recognize that the Commission is not the agency with responsibility to impose or enforce environmental requirements applicable to PSNH.

As to their inability to agree on the extent of PSNH's obligation, if any, "to plan for compliance with environmental requirements imposed or established after the date of the LCIRP's initial filing," the Commission notes as a general matter that a sound planning process should consider reasonably foreseeable regulatory changes, recognizing that the threshold at which a potential change in regulatory standards becomes too remote or speculative for a utility to consider will depend on the particular facts and circumstances of the regulatory matter at issue.

For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

cc: Docket File