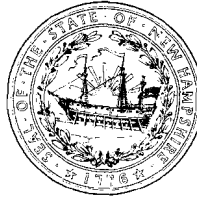


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April 25, 2011

Re: DG 11-040, National Grid et al.
Petition for Authority to Transfer Ownership
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On April 20, 2011, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of National Grid, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 326, Liberty Energy Utilities, New Hampshire Legal Assistance, United Steel Workers of America Local 12012-3, Granite State Hydropower Association, the Office of Consumer Advocate and Commission Staff. All interventions were granted.

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 April 21, 2011:

Data Requests by Staff/Intervenors – Set 2 (rolling requests)	05/06/11
Responses to Data Requests by Joint Petitioners	05/27/11
Technical Session	06/13-14/11 at 9:00 a.m.
Data Requests by Staff/Intervenors – Set 3 (rolling requests)	07/15/11
Responses to Data Requests by Staff/Intervenors	07/29/11
Data Requests by Staff/Intervenors (focused on IT issues)	08/12/11
Data Responses	08/26/11
Technical Session	09/07-8/11 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff/Intervenor Testimony	09/30/11
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	10/05/11 at 9:00 a.m.
Data Requests by Joint Petitioners and others	10/12/11
Responses to Data Requests by Joint Petitioners and others	11/02/11
Technical Session/Settlement Conf. [or Hearing on Settlement]	11/09-10/11 at 9:00 a.m.
Rebuttal Testimony [or Settlement Filed]	11/23/11
Settlement Conference [or Hearing on Settlement]	12/07-8/11 at 9:00 a.m.
Settlement Filed (if any)	12/21/11
Hearings on the Merits	01/11-13/12 at 9:00 a.m.

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The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Debra A. Howland" followed by a stylized flourish or "all".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director