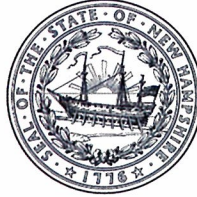


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Re: DG 11-040 – National Grid USA et al.
Request for Suspension of Procedural Schedule



Dear Ms. Howland:

This letter is to advise the Commission that parties continue to work on reaching an agreement in Docket No. DG 11-040 with a view toward drafting a comprehensive settlement document in the coming weeks. Accordingly, the parties request that the Commission amend the current procedural schedule by suspending the date for the filing of a Settlement Agreement as well as the dates set for hearings on the merits. Pursuant to Puc 203.13, Staff has made a good faith effort to seek concurrence for this request. The following parties concur in the request for postponement of the hearing and believe that postponement will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding: National Grid, Liberty Utilities (East), NHLA, the USWA Local 120 12-3, Granite State Hydropower Association, NH Community Action Association, the OCA and Staff. No objections were made.

The parties will advise the Commission as soon as a settlement agreement is finalized, and ask the Commission to determine a date for a hearing. During this time, the parties will keep the Executive Director informed as to their progress.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Fabrizio".

Lynn Fabrizio

cc: Service List