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Re: DG 11-040, National Grid USA et al
Joint Petition to Transfer Ownership of Granite State Electric Company/EnergyNorth
Natural Gas, Inc. to Liberty Energy Utilities Corp.
Suspension of Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On December 21, 2011, Staff submitted a request to suspend the procedural schedule in the above referenced proceeding. Staff and the parties ask that the Commission extend the date for the filing of a Settlement Agreement and postpone the hearings on the merits. The following parties concur with the suspension: National Grid, Liberty Utilities, New Hampshire Legal Assistance, the United Steel Workers Local 120, Granite State Hydropower Association, New Hampshire Community Action and the Office of Consumer Advocate.

The Commission has determined that the postponement will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and has suspended the schedule. Accordingly, Staff will advise the Commission once the Settlement Agreement is finalized. The Commission will then determine dates for the final Settlement Agreement and hearing on the merits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland" followed by a stylized flourish.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director