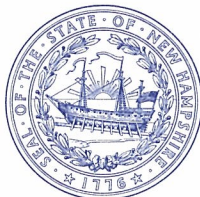


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June 24, 2011



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Re: Docket No. DG 11-069, Northern Utilities, Inc. Rate Case
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff and the parties, including representatives of the intervenor United Steel Workers of America 12012-6, met in a technical session following the June 16, 2011 prehearing conference and propose the following procedural schedule for the Commission's consideration. (As a settlement in principle on temporary rates has been reached between the Office of the Consumer Advocate and the Company, with Staff's concurrence, no discovery or testimony on temporary rates will likely be required).

Hearing on Temporary Rates, at 10:00 a.m.	7/13/11
Commission Audit Begins	6/14/11-7/14/11
Rolling Data Requests to Company: Set 1	Begin 7/13/11
Company's Responses to Set 1 Data Requests	Within 14 days of receipt
Firm-Date Data Requests to Company: Set 2	8/17/11
Company's Responses to Set 2 Data Requests	9/7/11
Technical Sessions, at 9:00 a.m.	9/14/11 and 9/15/11
Rolling Data Requests to Company: Set 3	Through 9/21/11
Company's Responses to Set 3 Data Requests	Within 14 days of receipt
Final Company Responses to Set 3 Data Requests	10/5/11
Draft Audit Report Issued	10/14/11
Technical Session, at 9:00 a.m.	10/21/11
Final Audit Report Issued	10/28/11
Firm-Date Data Requests to Company re: Audit	11/9/11
Company's Responses to Audit Report D.R.'s	11/23/11
Technical Session, at 9:00 a.m.	12/14/11

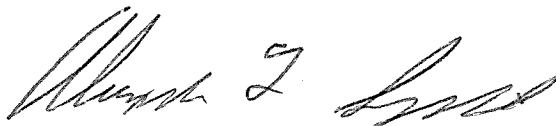
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Staff/OCA/Intervenor Testimony	1/23/12
Company's Data Requests on Testimony	2/3/12
Staff/OCA/Intervenor Responses to Co. DR's	2/17/12
Technical Session/Settlement Discussion, at 9 a.m.	2/22/12
Company's Rebuttal Testimony	3/2/12
Settlement Discussion Sessions, at 9:00 a.m.	3/6/12 and 3/7/12
Filing of Settlement, If Reached	3/21/12
Hearings on the Merits, at 10:00 a.m.	3/28/12 and 3/29/12

Thank you in advance for the Commission's consideration of this proposed schedule; please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex F. Speidel", written in a cursive style.

Alexander F. Speidel
Staff Attorney

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