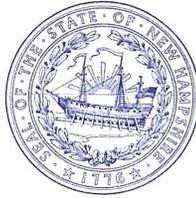


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Re: DT 11-248 – Northern New England Telephone Operations  
Petition to Implement Municipal Tax Surcharge  
Report on Procedural Schedule



Dear Ms. Howland:

On December 14, 2011, following a hearing on temporary rates and other items, Staff and the parties to the above-captioned docket met in a technical session. On December 15, 2011, Staff filed a report stating that the parties had agreed that questions on the scope of the docket – in particular whether a full rate case was necessary – required rulings from the Commission prior to further proceedings in the case. On December 28, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 25,308, and concluded that a full rate case was not necessary. The Commission, therefore, directed the parties to reconvene to discuss and propose a new procedural schedule for the balance of the proceeding and to report back to the Commission no later than January 20, 2012.

Through e-mail and telephone correspondence, Staff and the parties have agreed upon the below proposal for a procedural schedule for the Commission’s consideration:

Data Requests to FairPoint	2/3/12
Responses from FairPoint	2/17/12
Testimony of Parties other than FairPoint	3/2/12
Data Requests on Testimony of Parties other than FairPoint	3/16/12
Responses to Data Requests	3/30/12
Technical Session	4/11/12
Hearing on the Merits	Week of May 7 – preferably after Monday, May 7.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Fossum  
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