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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Docket No. DG 11-290 Northern Utilities, Inc. – Integrated Resource Plan
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff and Northern Utilities, Inc. met in a technical session following the prehearing conference in this matter. We developed the following proposed procedural schedule for the Commission's consideration and approval:

- April 13, 2012, Staff Issues Set 2 Data Requests
- April 27, 2012, Northern Responses to Set 2 Data Requests
- May 11, 2012, Staff Issues Set 3 Data Requests
- May 25, 2012, Northern Responses to Set 3 Data Requests
- June 7, 2012, Technical Session, 9:30 – 4:30 at Unutil/Hampton
- June 29, 2012, Staff Testimony
- July 16, 2012, Data Requests on Staff Testimony
- July 30, 2012, Staff Responses to Data Requests
- August, 22, 2012, File Settlement or Rebuttal Testimony
- September 11, 2012, Hearing on the Merits



Staff and the parties agree to exchange discovery and filings by email. Filings made directly to the Commission will follow the usual seven hardcopies plus an electronic copy. Technical sessions will be conducted so as to allow teleconferencing if necessary. We have scheduled a non-public settlement conference for July 10, 2012, 10 AM. With respect to the first two deadlines, given Staff's schedule, Staff asked for a delay until April 13th to propound discovery requests and Northern has requested that in the event it too needed additional time, that Staff would consent to receiving responses close of business May 4, 2012. These accommodations aside, Staff and the parties respectfully request the Commission approve the above procedural schedule. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marcia A. B. Thunberg
Staff Attorney

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