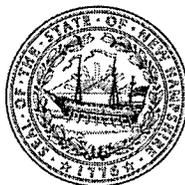


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May 1, 2012

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Re: Docket No. DG 12-001, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH (Company)
Investigation into Excess Capacity, Report Following Prehearing Conference

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Commission held a prehearing conference in the above-captioned docket on April 26, 2012, before Hearings Examiner Suzanne Amidon, Esq. I participated in the prehearing conference as Staff counsel on behalf of Marcia A.B. Thunberg, Esq., the Staff Attorney assigned to this case. Following the prehearing conference, representatives of Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and the Company met in a technical session to discuss a recommended procedural schedule. The proposed procedural schedule developed through discussion at the technical session following the prehearing conference, and confirmed through Attorney Thunberg, is as follows:

First Round of Data Requests by Staff, OCA and Intervenor, to Company:	May 16, 2012
Company's Responses to First Round Data Requests Due:	June 6, 2012
Technical Session, at 10:00 a.m.:	June 14, 2012
Second Round of Data Requests by Staff, OCA and Intervenor, to Company:	June 20, 2012
Company's Responses to Second Round Data Requests Due:	July 18, 2012
Prefiled Testimony by Staff, OCA and Intervenor:	August 15, 2012
First Round of Data Requests Propounded to Staff, OCA and Intervenor:	September 5, 2012
Settlement Conference, at 10:00 a.m.:	September 19, 2012
Responses to Data Requests Due:	September 26, 2012
Second Round of Data Requests Propounded to Staff, OCA and Intervenor:	October 17, 2012
Responses to Data Requests Due:	November 7, 2012
Company's Rebuttal Testimony:	December 5, 2012
Data Requests by Staff, OCA and Intervenor, to Company on Rebuttal:	December 19, 2012
Company's Responses to Data Requests Due:	January 16, 2013
Hearing on the Merits (Two Days, at 10:00 a.m.):	January 30 and January 31, 2013

The parties also agreed to conduct discovery electronically. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alexander F. Speidel
Staff Attorney

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