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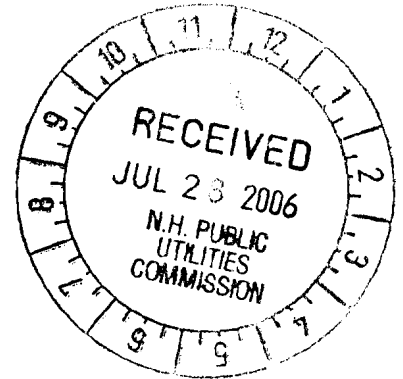
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Re: DM 05-172 Generic Investigation into Utility Poles

Dear Ms. Howland:

A technical session on Topic 4: Retail Customer Relationships was held in the above-referenced docket on Wednesday, July 27, 2006. Please treat this letter as Staff's report of the session.

Participating in the technical session along with Staff were representatives of Verizon New Hampshire; Public Service Company of New Hampshire; Granite State Electric d/b/a National Grid-New Hampshire; Unitil Service Corporation; the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative; The Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire; the New Hampshire Telephone Association; TDS Telecommunications; the N.H. Local Government Center; and the Office of Consumer Advocate.

During the technical session, Staff conducted a review of Party responses to data requests related to utility relationships with retail customers. It was agreed that Staff would send out follow-up data requests for this topic on August 11, 2006, and that a second technical session would be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006. A number of changes in the procedural schedule for Topics 3 and 5 were suggested, as well.

The following changes and additions to the procedural schedule approved by Secretarial Letter on June 23, 2006, are proposed:

Topic 3: Utility Relationships with Governmental Entities and their Subcontractors

Aug. 4 Follow-Up Data Responses from Parties to Staff
Sept. 20 Technical Session (9:30a.m.-4p.m.)(formerly scheduled for September 13)

Topic 4: Retail Customer Relationships

Aug. 11 Follow-Up Data Requests from Staff to Parties
Sept. 15 Data Responses from Parties to Staff
Oct. 4 Technical Session (9:30a.m.-4p.m.)

Topic 5: Competitive Issues

Aug. 25 Data Responses due from Parties to Staff (formerly due on Aug. 11)
Sept. 27 Technical Session (9:30a.m.-4p.m.)(formerly scheduled for September 15)

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve the procedural changes outlined above. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions about the foregoing.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Fabrizio for".

Lynn Fabrizio
Staff Attorney

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