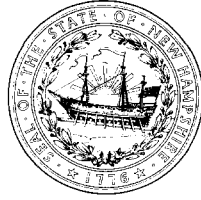


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Re: DM 05-172 Investigation Into Utility Poles

Dear Ms Howland:

Staff recommends postponing the April 11, 2006 technical session scheduled in DM 05-172 Investigation into Utility Poles. The technical session was originally scheduled to begin discussion on Topic 3 Utility Relationships with Governmental Entities and their Subcontractors.

Most parties agreed with the postponement, in that it will be more efficient to proceed with the first round of discovery on Topic 3 prior to the technical session. There is a technical session scheduled on June 9, after data responses on this topic, at which Staff will coordinate additional time necessary for discussion of Topic 3 and report back to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn M. Bailey".

Kathryn M. Bailey, P.E.
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