

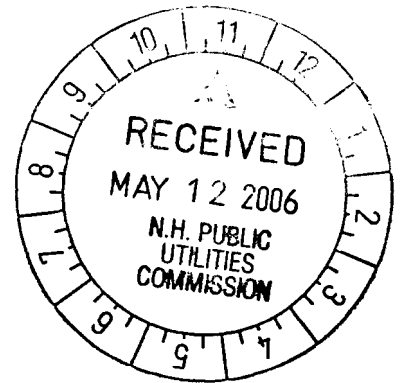


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May 11, 2006



Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DM 05-172 - Pole Utility Investigation: Request for a Change to the Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Verizon New Hampshire (Verizon NH) requests a change in the procedural schedule in the above-referenced docket. Specifically, Verizon NH requests that the technical session scheduled for May 17, 2006 be cancelled, and that items to be discussed in that session be taken up in the next technical session scheduled for May 30, 2006.

Earlier this week, Victor Del Vecchio, Verizon NH's attorney representing the company in this proceeding, had an unexpected medical emergency and will be out of the office for a minimum of two weeks. The requested delay will allow time for an alternate Verizon NH attorney to become familiar with this docket in the event that Mr. Del Vecchio is unavailable on May 30.

Verizon NH requested the concurrence of the other parties. I understand that Staff, OCA, Unitil, PSNH, National Grid, the New Hampshire Telephone Association, the New Hampshire Municipal Association/Local Government Center, the City of Concord, George Sansoucy and Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, on behalf of the nine intervening municipalities, either concur or do not object to the schedule change.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Thorne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "e".

Lisa Thorne

cc: Service List (via email)