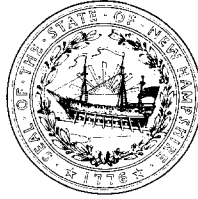


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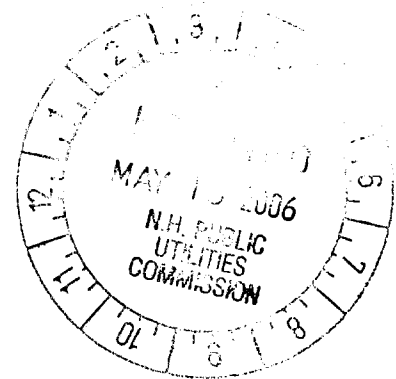
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Re: Docket No. DE 06-061
Energy Policy Act of 2005
Investigation into Federal Standards
Report of Technical Session



Dear Ms. Howland:

On April 24, 2006 the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued an Order of Notice opening Docket No. DE 06-061 to consider five new federal standards in Title 1 of the Public Utility Regulatory Polices Act. These new standards—net metering, fuel diversity, fossil fuel generation efficiency, “smart” metering and interconnection—are part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct) which took effect on August 8, 2005. The Order of Notice scheduled a prehearing conference for May 16, 2006. The Commission instructed the parties to meet in Technical Session to determine how to proceed with the investigation.

The parties had a very wide ranging discussion and soon recognized the complexity of the undertaking. Consequently, the parties agreed that the electric utilities will prepare a document to outline the five standards in an attempt to define the issues presented by each of the standards. The scoping document will be distributed to the parties on June 6, 2006. The parties also agreed to meet in Technical Session on June 15, 2006 to refine the scope of the investigation and schedule discovery. In addition, because this is an investigation and not an adjudicatory proceeding, the parties agreed to distribute documents by email only. We respectfully request that the Commission approve this preliminary procedural schedule.

We understand the EPAct requires the Commission to make a determination on “smart” metering no later than 18 months following the EPAct’s effective date (February 2007)

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and on interconnection no later August, 2007. Therefore, our initial work will be directed at reviewing these two standards.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance in any manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Amidon', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Suzanne Amidon
Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner

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