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April 25, 2013

Re: DE 13-063, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Distribution Service Rate Case
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On April 24, 2013, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities, Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic, The Office of the Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff. A motion to intervene was granted to Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic.

Following the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated April 24, 2013:

Data Requests	May 3, 2013
Data Responses	May 10, 2013
Technical Session	May 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff/Intervenor Testimony or Settlement Filed	May 24, 2013
Hearing on Temporary Rates	June 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

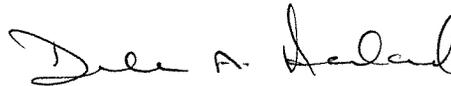
The parties agreed to the following schedule for the permanent rate portion of this docket.

Rolling Discovery begins	June 7, 2013
Responses to Discovery Requests	due within 10 business days of receipt
Final set of 1 st Round Discovery Requests	July 19, 2013
Final Responses to 1 Round of Rolling Discovery	August 2, 2013
Draft Audit Report to Company	August 16, 2013
Company Responses to Draft Audit Report	August 23, 2013
Technical Session	August 27 and 28, 9:00 a.m. each day
2nd Round of Rolling Discovery	begins following technical session
Final Audit Report	September 6, 2013

Data Requests Issued on Audit Report	September 13, 2013
Final Set of 2 nd Round Discovery Requests	September 27, 2013
Responses to 2nd Round & Audit Report Discovery	October 11, 2013
Technical Session	October 15 and 16, 9:00 a.m. each day
Staff and Intervenor Testimony	November 15, 2013
Company Data Requests to Staff/Intervenors	November 22, 2013
Staff and Intervenor Responses	December 12, 2013
Settlement Conference	December 17 and 18, 9:00 a.m. each day
Company Rebuttal Testimony	January 3, 2014
Settlement Conference	January 8 and 9, 9:00 a.m. each day
Filing of Settlement, if any	January 17, 2014
Hearing on the Merits	January 28 and 29, 10:00 a.m. each day

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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