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

Re: Docket No. DE 14-238, Determination Regarding PSNH's Generation Assets
Request for Adjustment of Procedural Schedule

Dear Director Howland:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy requests two changes to the current procedural schedule in this proceeding.

The current procedural schedule, issued on October 14, 2015, calls for the filing of Rebuttal Testimony by the Settling Parties on November 16, and for a Settlement Conference on November 19.

Subsequent to the issuance of the October 14 schedule, two matters arose during the Technical Session held on November 4 that form the basis of this request. First, unlike traditional Technical Sessions, Non-Settling Staff chose to have all parties submit written questions at the conclusion of that session which they would answer in written responses. Responses to the Technical Session written questions have not yet arrived.

Second, per the existing procedural schedule, the November 4 Technical Session also included a Settlement Conference. During that portion of the November 4 meeting, Non-Settling Staff indicated that they would be in a better position to discuss settlement of issues involved in this proceeding after they had received the environmental assessments PSNH is preparing for each of its generating sites. See Stipulation #2 in the July 9, 2015 "Stipulation" filed in this proceeding. Per the existing Procedural Schedule, those environmental assessments are now due on November 30.

Due to these two items, PSNH requests two changes to the existing procedural schedule. First, PSNH requests that the date for the filing of Rebuttal Testimony by the Settling Parties be moved three days, from November 16 to November 19. This date is based upon Non-Settling Staff responding to all Tech Session data requests by tomorrow, Friday, November 13, with a day-for-day extension for the filing of rebuttal testimony past November 19 if those Tech Session responses are not all received by tomorrow.

Second, PSNH requests that the Settlement Conference be moved from November 19 to December 4, in order to provide Non-Settling Staff and other parties the opportunity to review the environmental assessments.

As hearings in this matter have not been scheduled and are not likely to be held until February of next year, these two requested changes to the procedural schedule will not impact the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

In light of the upcoming November 16 testimony filing deadline, PSNH requests an expeditious approval of the requests made herein.

Senators Bradley and Feltes, the Office of Energy and Planning, Settling Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and the Conservation Law Foundation support this requested schedule change. NEPGA, RESA and the Sierra Club do not object to this request.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Bersak".

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