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Re: IR 15-296 N.H. Electric Distribution Utilities
Investigation into Grid Modernization Status Report

Dear Ms. Howland:

On July 30, 2015, the Commission issued an Order of Notice in the above-captioned docket, inviting interested parties to provide comment on the scope of the investigation. Myriad comments were filed on August 17, 2015, as directed by the Order of Notice.

After reviewing the scope of the comments, and examining the work conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Staff has concluded that we need an expert in grid modernization to assist in the investigation. We have also determined that we should hire a facilitator/moderator to manage the investigation, given the number of parties that are interested in this topic, and the range of issues cited by those parties.

Staff has prepared a request for proposal for an expert, and is in the process of preparing one for a facilitator/moderator. It is our intention to get these resources on board before we schedule a technical session in this matter.

Thank you for your attention. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Thomas C. Frantz
Director – Electric Division

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