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Re: DW 04-048, City of Nashua RSA 38 Petition re Pennichuck Water Works Hearing Schedule

To the Parties:

The Commission is in receipt of the General Counsel's report of the technical session conducted on July 17, 2007, at which the participants reached agreement on a procedural schedule to govern the remainder of this proceeding.

Please be advised that the Commission will conduct the merits hearing in this case on September 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 25, 26 and 27. The Commission is aware that this deviates somewhat from the proposal submitted by the parties, which in turn was based on a series of non-contiguous hearing dates the Commission had advised the parties it would hold in reserve for this case.

The Commission has nevertheless concluded that the schedule of hearing dates recited above is consistent with the public interest because it will allow for uninterrupted hearings and accommodate the Commission's need to hear other significant cases in the coming months.

The hearing schedule will require the parties to make certain revisions to the witness schedule. The General Counsel is directed to consult with the parties as necessary and cause a new witness schedule to be filed by July 27, 2007, along with such other procedural details as will allow the Commission to conduct the hearings in an orderly and efficient manner.

Sincerely,

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