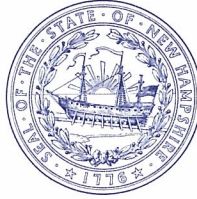


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July 7, 2011

Re: DG 11-069, Northern Utilities, Inc.
Rate Case
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On June 16, 2011, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of Northern Utilities, Inc. United Steel Workers, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff. The motion to intervene of the United Steel Workers was granted.

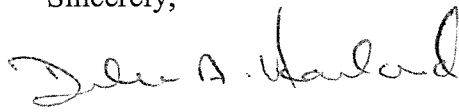
Following the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated June 24, 2011:

Hearing on Temporary Rates	7/13/11 at 10:00 a.m.
Commission Audit Begins	6/14/11--7/14/11
Rolling Data Requests to Company: Set 1	Begin 7/13/11
Company's Responses to Set 1 Data Requests	Within 14 days of receipt
Firm-Date Data Requests to Company: Set 2	8/17/11
Company's Responses to Set 2 Data Requests	9/7/11
Technical Sessions	9/14/11 and 9/15/11 at 9:00 a.m.
Rolling Data Requests to Company: Set 3	Through 9/21/11
Company's Responses to Set 3 Data Requests	Within 14 days of receipt
Final Company Responses to Set 3 Data Requests	10/5/11
Draft Audit Report Issued	10/14/11
Technical Session	10/21/11 at 9:00 a.m.
Final Audit Report Issued	10/28/11
Firm-Date Data Requests to Company re: Audit	11/9/11
Company's Responses to Audit Report D.R.'s	11/23/11
Technical Session	12/14/11 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff/OCA/Intervenor Testimony	1/23/12
Company's Data Requests on Testimony	2/3/12
Staff/OCA/Intervenor Responses to Co. DR's	2/17/12

Technical Session/Settlement Discussion	2/22/12 at 9:00 a.m.
Company's Rebuttal Testimony	3/2/12
Settlement Discussion Sessions	3/6/12 and 3/7/12 at 9:00 a.m.
Filing of Settlement, If Reached	3/21/12
Hearings on the Merits	3/28/12 and 3/29/12 at 10:00 a.m.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director