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Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

> Re: Docket DE 11-250, Order No. 25,506 Proposed Procedural Schedule



Dear Ms. Howland:

In its Order No. 25,506 issued on May 9, 2013, the Commission directed that Staff consult with the parties and submit a proposed procedural schedule within 20 days of the date of the order. Staff circulated a proposed schedule to the parties and received replies from Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), TransCanada, the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and the Sierra Club. Other than one date change for a proposed settlement conference, PSNH concurred with proposed schedule circulated by Staff. The OCA informed Staff that it and other parties would be filing a motion in response to Order No. 25,506¹ and, therefore, proposed an alternative schedule. TransCanada, CLF and the Sierra Club all recommended waiting to establish a schedule as the forthcoming motion will most likely require a change to whatever schedule might be established.

The various schedules that have circulated among the parties are shown on the next page:

¹ On May 28, 2013, the OCA, TransCanada, the Sierra Club and CLF jointly filed a "Motion for Rehearing, Clarification and/or Reconsideration of Order No. 25,506."

	Staff	PSNH	OCA
Commission response to post order filings			June 21, 2013
Parties response to Commission Order			July 19, 2013
Technical Session	June 6, 2013	June 6, 2013	July 24, 2013
PSNH responses and Objections to Technical Session Questions	June 20, 2013	June 20, 2013	August 7, 2013
Staff and Intervenor Testimony	July 19, 2013	July 19, 2013	September 6, 2013
Data Requests to Staff and Intervenors	July 26, 2013	July 26, 2013	September 20, 2013
Staff and Intervenor Responses and Objections to Data Requests	August 16, 2013	August 16, 2013	October 2, 2013
Rebuttal Testimony	August 26, 2013	August 26, 2013	October 16, 2013
Settlement Conference	September 6, 2013	September 9, 2013	October 30, 2013
File Settlement, if any	September 18, 2013	September 18, 2013	November 6, 2013
Hearing on the Merits	September 24-25, 2013	September 24-25, 2013	November 18-20, 2013

Staff is agreeable to PSNH's proposed date change for the settlement conference. As for the alternative schedule proposed by the OCA and the position of the remaining parties that it would be advisable to wait until the motion is filed and ruled upon, Staff has no position. In summary, Staff reports that it was unable to obtain consensus on a procedural schedule and awaits further Commission guidance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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