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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St., Ste. 10
Concord, NH 03301



**Re: DT 07-011 Verizon New England, Inc. et al.
Response to Report of Hearings Examiner**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 10, 2007 Donald M. Kreis, Esq., the Commission's General Counsel and appointed Hearings Examiner, reported to the Commission on the informal scheduling conference held on October 9, 2007. In his report, Mr. Kreis requested that each party provide information related to witness availability, number of people attending the hearings, and time needed for cross examination. This letter serves as the OCA's response.

The OCA expects that a maximum of five people representing the Office will attend the hearings on any day. Most days we expect to need just four seats, but our needs depend upon when certain witnesses are scheduled.

The OCA's witnesses, Susan Baldwin and David Brevitz, do not have any particular scheduling conflicts. However, because Mr. Brevitz must make travel arrangements from the Midwest, we respectfully request that the order of witnesses, and the day they are to appear, be provided as quickly as possible.

We have provided a suggested order of witnesses below, with the financial witnesses first, along with our time needed for cross. These are our best estimates of the times we need and we will endeavor to stay within these time limits. We also would like to reserve the right to request limited cross examination of those witnesses for whom we indicated that no time was needed.

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