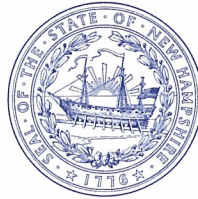


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Re: Docket No. DE 08-135
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Line Extension Service—Proposed Tariff
Request to Suspend Procedural Schedule



Dear Ms. Howland:

On February 5, 2009 the Commission held a prehearing conference in the above captioned docket. Following the hearing, the parties met in technical session and proposed a procedural schedule to the Commission which was approved by a February 10 secretarial letter.

Pursuant to the schedule, the parties and Staff met in technical session on March 25, 2009 which included a discussion of a possible settlement of this docket. Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) distributed a settlement discussion document on April 2, 2009 and further settlement discussions took place by telephone on April 8, 2009.

At this point, the parties and Staff are in serious settlement discussions and can report that significant progress has been made to resolve disputed issues. However, there continue to be areas of disagreement which require further negotiation and discussion. Consequently, the parties and Staff respectfully request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule in this docket to allow us to continue to work toward settlement. We

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believe that suspension of the schedule will afford the parties and Staff additional time to resolve the issues in this docket. We will keep the Commission apprised as to the status of our discussions

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Amidon', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Suzanne Amidon
Staff Attorney

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