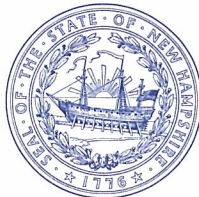


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Re: DG 10-041 EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH
Integrated Resource Plan
Staff Report on Conclusion of Settlement Discussions

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Commission held a hearing on this matter on Thursday, July 14, 2011 and after the hearing the Commission directed Staff and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH to attempt to resolve their differences with respect to two disputed issues: 1) whether and when a separate docket ought to be opened to address the issue of the company maintaining resources in excess of its design day demand; and 2) when the company ought to file an updated resources mix analysis that would, among other things, identify the least cost mix of supply and demand side resources.

On July 22, 2011, Staff wrote informing the Commission that it had not reached agreement with National Grid with respect to issue number 1 and, today, Staff is writing to inform the Commission that it was unable to reach agreement with National Grid on issue number 2.

Staff thanks the Commission for granting it and National Grid additional time to explore possible settlement on these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia A. B. Thunberg".

Marcia A. B. Thunberg
Staff Attorney

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