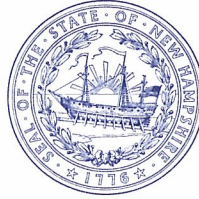


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June 3, 2010

Re: DE 10-055, Unitil Rate Case
Waiver of Filing Rule

To the Parties:

By letter dated June 2, 2010, Staff notified the Commission that the parties and Staff continue settlement discussions on temporary rates in the above referenced proceeding. In order to allow the parties to conclude discussions and file a settlement agreement by June 7, 2010, three days prior to the June 10, 2010 hearing, Staff requested on behalf of the parties a waiver of Puc 203.20(e) which requires the filing of a settlement agreement no less than 5 days prior to the hearing.

Under Puc 203.20(f), the Commission shall accept late-filed stipulations and settlements when such acceptance: (1) promotes the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding; and (2) will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding. The Commission has concluded that the applicable standards for accepting a late-filed settlement agreement pursuant to Puc 203.20(f) have been satisfied. Accordingly, the Commission has granted the request. Inasmuch as the hearing is scheduled on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., the Commission expects the settlement agreement be filed no later than close of business on Monday, June 7, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland", is written over a horizontal line.

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