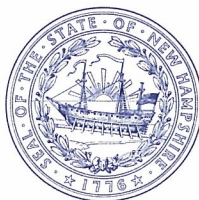


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Re: Docket No. DE 10-188 Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid *et al.*
2011-2012 Gas and Core Electric Energy Efficiency Programs
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to an Order of Notice issued on August 12, 2010, the Commission held a pre-hearing conference on August 31, 2010 in the above-captioned docket. On August 5, 2010, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter indicating that it would participate in this docket on behalf of residential ratepayers pursuant to RSA 363:28. Petitions to intervene were filed by the Office of Energy and Planning, the N.H. Community Action Association, The Way Home, Conservation Law Foundation, New Hampshire Homebuilders Association, Daniel Ramage, Jeremy Hill, and US Energy Savers LLC. At the prehearing conference, the Commission granted all petitions to intervene and stated that it would be issuing a prehearing conference order indicating whether the petitions were granted on the basis of a stated right, duty, privilege or interest, or in the interest of justice, as provided in RSA 541-A:32, I and II.

With respect to the Commission's ruling at hearing, the Staff requests that the Commission expressly clarify in its prehearing order whether in granting Messrs. Ramage and Hill's petition to intervene the Commission intended to extend the ruling to allow the intervention of the "New Hampshire Energy Trust" which has yet to be created.

In its ruling from the bench, the Commission also stated that it would permit the "New Hampshire Energy Trust" to file a petition in this docket. The petition, as generally described by Messrs. Ramage and Hill, will propose an alternative design and program changes for certain sectors currently served by the Core programs.

At the technical session which followed the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff developed the following proposed procedural schedule for the Commission's consideration and approval. It should be noted that as described by Staff at the prehearing conference, discovery commenced on August 16, 2010 with both the OCA and Staff propounding data requests on the utilities and this discovery will be made available to all parties in this docket.

Technical Session (electric filing)	September 7, 2010 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
N.H. Trust Electronic Filing Due	1:00 p.m. September 10, 2010
Tech Session (gas and Trust filing)	September 13, 2010 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Room 100 Walker 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hearing Room A
Set 2 Data Requests	September 22, 2010
Set 2 Responses	October 4, 2010
Technical Session	October 7, 2010 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
All Parties Testimony	October 13, 2010
DRs on Oct. 13 th Testimony	October 19, 2010
Responses to DRs on Testimony	November 2, 2010
Technical Session	November 9, 2010 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Rebuttal Testimony	November 15, 2010
Technical Session/Settlement	December 1 and 3 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
File Settlement	December 9, 2010
Hearing	December 16, 2010 10:00 a.m.

With respect to “All Parties Testimony” referenced in the proposed schedule, the parties and Staff agree that such testimony will be in response to the Core filing or the “Trust” petition as the case may be. In other words, the parties and Staff understand that this opportunity for testimony does not give the right to the Utilities or the “Trust” to supplement or buttress their original filings. Similarly, the parties and Staff understand that any Rebuttal Testimony is limited to responding to any issues raised in the “All Parties Testimony” filed on October 13, 2010 and shall not be used as an opportunity to introduce any new evidence or matters.

The Staff respectfully requests on behalf of the parties that the Commission approve this proposed procedural schedule. As both Attorney Marcia Thunberg and I are serving as Staff counsel in this docket, you may address any questions you have to either her or me.

Sincerely,



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Staff Attorney

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