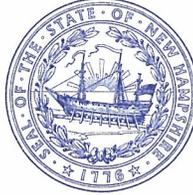


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Re: Docket No. DG 13-086, Northern Utilities, Inc. Rate Case, Proposed
Partial Modification of Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff, with the concurrence of the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and the Company (collectively, "the Parties"), hereby files this request for partial modification of the approved procedural schedule in this docket. Staff and OCA testimony is currently scheduled for filing by December 20, 2013; in light of current discussions with the Company, the Parties wish to temporarily postpone this filing date. Staff expects to file a request for a new Staff and OCA testimony filing date at some point in January 2014, after consultation with OCA and the Company, well in advance of the scheduled hearing dates of March 12 and March 13, 2014. Until such time as the new Staff and OCA testimony filing date is established, the Parties would also request that the scheduled features of the approved procedural schedule relating to this testimony (Company data requests and Company rebuttal testimony) be temporarily suspended.

Sincerely,

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