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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Investigation into Base Rates

Revised Procedural Schedule

O R D E R N O. 23,216

May 17, 1999

On April 27, 1999, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") vacated the procedural schedule in this docket. The Commission has determined that a revised procedural schedule should be established as follows:

PSNH completes responses to outstanding discovery:	June 1
Final data requests to PSNH:	June 14
PSNH Responses to Final Data Requests:	June 28
Intervenor and Staff Testimony:	July 23
Data Requests on Staff and Intervenor Testimony:	July 30
Responses to Data Requests by Staff and Intervenors:	August 13
Rebuttal Testimony by Any Party:	August 27
Data Requests on Rebuttal Testimony:	Sept. 3
Responses to Data Requests on Rebuttal Testimony	Sept. 17
Prehearing conference:	Sept. 17
Hearings:	Sept. 28 - Oct. 1
(10:00 a.m.)	Oct. 5 - Oct. 8 (as necessary)

PSNH shall immediately resume completion of responses to all outstanding discovery. Parties are to advise the Commission's General Counsel of any unresolved discovery dispute, and on June 1, 1999, PSNH shall submit a letter advising the General Counsel of the status of its responses to previously submitted data requests. Due to the incompleteness of the responses to date, the suspension of the procedural schedule, and the passage of time as a result of uncertainties with respect to proceedings in federal district court, as indicated above, parties shall be allowed additional time to submit a final set of data requests upon PSNH. As directed in Order No. 23,080, the General Counsel is authorized to make such preliminary rulings as deemed necessary and appropriate to resolve discovery matters.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a new procedural schedule is established as set forth above.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New
Hampshire this seventeenth day of May, 1999.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Thomas B. Getz
Executive Director and Secretary