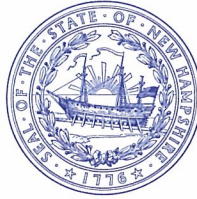


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Re: Docket No. DE 08-120
Public Service Company of New Hampshire. et al.
2009 Core Energy Programs
Notice of Settlement Agreement



Dear Ms. Howland:

The Commission has scheduled a hearing in the above-captioned docket for next Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.. The Parties and Staff have agreed to the terms of a settlement agreement to resolve most of the issues in this proceeding. However, the settlement agreement has not been reduced to an agreed-upon writing. Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.20(e), settlement agreements must be filed no later than 5 days prior to the scheduled hearing. In the instant docket, the settlement agreement would have to be filed tomorrow and we do not expect an agreed-upon settlement to be available until early next week.

Puc 203.20(f) provides that the Commission shall accept late-filed stipulations and settlements when the acceptance will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding. Staff, on behalf of itself and the Parties, represent that the conditions set forth in Puc 203.20(f) are satisfied and respectfully requests the Commission to allow the late filing of the settlement agreement in Docket No. DE 08-120.

I certify that an electronic copy of this letter will be filed with the service list contemporaneous with its filing with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Suzanne G. Amidon".

Suzanne G. Amidon
Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner

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