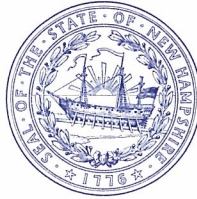


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Re: DE 09-174, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Petition for Declaratory Ruling Re: Penacook Lower Falls Pricing
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On December 8, 2009, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Briar Hydro, and Commission Staff. The Office of Consumer Advocate has a statutory right to participate in the proceeding but chose not to do so at this time.

Following the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated December 15, 2009:

Parties Exchange Analyses/Accountings on Disputed Contract	12/18/09
PSNH to Provide Draft Stipulation of Facts for Parties for Review	01/08/10
Stipulation of Facts Filed with the Commission	01/22/10

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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