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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street Suite 10
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Re: Docket No. DE 09-224
Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
Renewable Energy Service Option
Procedural Schedule



Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket approved by the Commission by a secretarial letter dated February 3, 2010, the parties and staff agreed to file a settlement agreement by March 26, 2010, well in advance of the April 7, 2010 hearing scheduled for this matter. Staff and the parties, including the Office of Consumer Advocate, are in settlement discussions. By this letter, we respectfully request that the Commission approve a change to the procedural schedule to allow us to file a settlement agreement no later than March 31, 2010. Such a change would be consistent with the requirements of Puc 203.20(e) which requires settlement agreements to be filed no less than 5 days prior to a hearing and allow us more time to negotiate and prepare the settlement document.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions. A copy of this letter will be sent by electronic mail to the parties on the service list contemporaneous with its filing with the Commission.

Sincerely,

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

Suzanne G. Amidon, Esq.
Staff Attorney

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