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Re: Docket No. DG 10-041
EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH – IRP
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

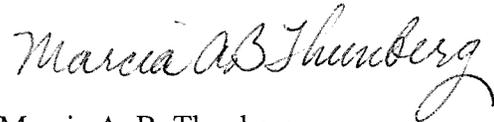
Staff and the parties in this proceeding met in a technical session following the Prehearing Conference. We request the Commission approve the below-noted procedural schedule. Staff and the parties will be conducting discovery electronically and do not plan to distribute hard-copies of discovery documents. Staff and the parties will issue discovery with a copy of questions in Word format to facilitate responses. Responses will be provided in a searchable format. Technical sessions noted below will commence at 9 am and will be held at the Commission’s offices. Staff and the parties are choosing to meet at the Commission to conduct settlement discussions and that date has been included below for Staff and the parties’ scheduling purposes; we are not asking for specific Commission approval of that date, nor are Staff and the parties requesting that date be placed on the public calendar since Staff and the parties do not consider such discussions to be open to the public.

- June 14, 2010 Responses to first set of data requests to company
- June 21, 2010 Second round of data requests
- July 6, 2010 Responses to second set of data requests
- July 16, 2010 Third round data requests to company
- August 4, 2010 Responses to third round of data requests
- August 16, 2010 Technical session, 9 am, at Commission
- September 10, 2010 Staff/Intervenor testimony
- September 16, 2010 Settlement Conference, 9 am
- October 1, 2010 Company's first set of data requests on Staff/Intervenor testimony
- October 18, 2010 Staff/Intervenor responses to Company data requests
- November 4, 2010 Company rebuttal testimony
- December 1, 2010 Hearing

This procedural schedule is being proposed with one caveat. EnergyNorth reserves the right to conduct a second round of discovery after the settlement conference if EnergyNorth believes it to be necessary. In such an event, Staff and the parties acknowledge that the dates proposed for the company's rebuttal testimony and the hearing may need to be changed to later dates and in this event, Staff and the parties will work with the Company to determine mutually agreeable alternative dates.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia A. B. Thunberg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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