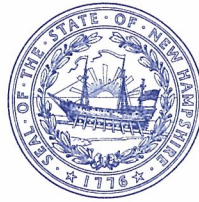


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**RE: DE 10-188 Proposed 2012 CORE & Gas Energy Efficiency Programs Schedule**

Dear Ms. Howland:

I enclose for filing with the Commission an original and six copies of a proposed schedule for the 2012 Core Program review docket. The parties to the docket worked in advance of the utilities' September 30, 2011 filing to develop this schedule. My understanding is that all parties support this schedule, with the exception of one date, which the OCA proposes for the filing of a settlement agreement. The OCA proposes a date that we believe provides time to conduct settlement negotiations in what will be a short docket, and which also complies with the Commission's rule that requires the filing of settlement agreements no less than five days prior to a hearing.

The parties plan to meet next Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> in the first technical session in the docket and would appreciate the Commission's consideration of this schedule as soon as possible.

Proposed Core Programs 2012 Docket Schedule:

September 30, 2011	Utility 2012 Update Filing
October 11, 2011	Technical Session, 9:00
October 14, 2011	Data Requests on utility filing due
October 27, 2011	Responses to Data Requests due
November 3, 2011	Technical Session, 9:00
November 10, 2011	Staff & Intervenor Testimony
November 14, 2011	Settlement Conference, 9:00
November 17, 2011	Data Requests on Staff & Intervenor Testimony

December 1, 2011  
December 5, 2011  
December 13, 2011  
December 16, 2011  
December 22, 2011

Staff & Intervenor Data Responses due  
Settlement Conference, 9:00  
File Settlement (full or partial) (OCA proposal)  
Rebuttal Testimony (if needed)  
Hearing, 10:00

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,



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