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Re: DE 10-226 Disclosure of Electric Service Energy Sources and  
Environmental Characteristics  
Report and Recommendation to Commission

Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 26, 2010, the Commission approved a procedural schedule in this docket which provided for technical sessions and a date by which Staff and the parties would report back to the Commission with a recommendation on whether the disclosure requirements of RSA 378:49 would be best satisfied by rulemaking or by Commission order. This letter is to serve as that report.

In short, Staff and the parties request additional time before making a recommendation. Staff and the parties met in a technical session on November 22, 2010 and agreed that an additional technical session would be helpful to their progress. To that end, Staff and the parties have agreed to meet on January 21, 2011 at 10 AM to exchange additional information on the content and format of the disclosure label. Staff and the parties propose having their final report and recommendation to the Commission no later than February 25, 2011.

Still yet to be decided is whether: more than one standard label format would work for the electric providers; what environmental characteristics ought to be disclosed; and the frequency of notifications, among other issues. Staff and the parties have discussed that the Commission could approve a disclosure label format pursuant to RSA 541-A:19-b, without proceeding under the rulemaking procedures of RSA Chapter 541-A. Staff and the parties have also discussed that rulemaking may be useful, at a minimum, for the content of the disclosure label to ensure notice to all electric providers and offer a place on the Commission's web site for

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prospective electric providers to consult and become aware of the Commission's rules for the label format.

In conclusion, Staff and the parties look forward to resolving these remaining issues and request the Commission allow additional time, as noted above, for Staff and the parties to file their report. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

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.

Marcia A. B. Thunberg  
Staff Attorney

cc: Service List (electronically only)