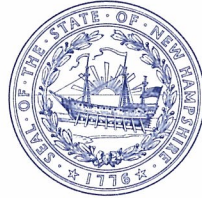


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Re: Docket No. DE 10-261; Public Service Company of New Hampshire
2010 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP)
Request for Second Modification of Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Commission, by secretarial letter, approved Staff's proposed procedural schedule on the instant docket on December 28, 2010; this schedule was modified, at Staff's request, by secretarial letter on February 24, 2011.

During the development of discovery on this docket, Staff found it necessary to retain the services of an expert consultant, Mr. Edward Arnold of the Jacobs Consultancy, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Arnold is advising Staff regarding matters related to the Company's Continuing Unit Operation Study (CUO) for Newington Station, filed by the Company as part of the LCIRP docket. Specifically, Mr. Arnold is engaged in technical analysis of the data models prepared by Levitan & Associates, Boston, Massachusetts, the consulting firm retained by the Company to prepare the CUO. Having attended yesterday's technical session, which was held as scheduled, Staff and Mr. Arnold find it advisable to integrate a second technical session into the procedural schedule to enable Staff to properly assess the CUO.

To that end, Staff requests a modification of the procedural schedule to include a second technical session, and to provide adequate time for related discovery, to be established as follows:

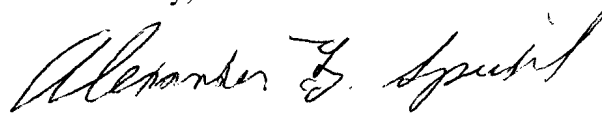
2 nd Round of Data Requests from Staff/Intervenors	04/29/11
Data Responses to 2 nd Round of Data Requests	05/20/11
2 nd Technical Session	06/01/11, 10:00 a.m.
Staff/Intervenor Testimony	06/10/11
1 st Round of Data Requests to Staff/Intervenors	07/01/11
Data Responses to 1 st Round of Data Requests	07/22/11
2 nd Round of Data Requests to Staff/Intervenors	08/05/11

Data Responses to 2 nd Round of Data Requests	08/26/11
Rebuttal Testimony	09/12/11
Settlement Conference	09/29/11
3 rd Round of Data Requests from Staff/Intervenors	10/07/11
Data Responses to 3 rd Round of Data Requests	10/21/11
Hearing on the Merits	10/26/11-10/27/11, 10:00 a.m.

The Company, OCA, and all intervenors expressed their accord with this proposal at yesterday's technical session.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposed second modification to the procedural schedule, and for the consideration of the Commission; please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Alexander F. Speidel
Staff Attorney

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