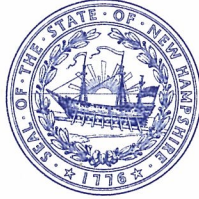


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Re: Docket No. DW 12-085 Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff, Aquarion Water Company, Office of the Consumer Advocate, and the Town of Hampton met in a technical session following the prehearing conference in this matter. We developed the following proposed procedural schedule for the Commission's consideration and approval:

7/18/12	Set 1 Data Requests to Aquarion
7/25/12	Aquarion Set 1 Responses
8/7/12	Technical Session/Settlement Conference, 10:00 a.m.
8/17/12	File Testimony
8/30/12	Hearing on the Merits for Temporary Rates, 10:00 a.m.
9/26/12	Set 2 Data Requests to Aquarion
10/10/12	Aquarion Set 2 Responses
10/31/12	Set 3 Data Requests to Aquarion
11/14/12	Aquarion Set 3 Responses
11/28/12	Technical Session at 9:00 a.m.
1/4/13	Staff/Intervenor Testimony
1/11/13	Technical Session/Settlement Conference, 9:00 am
1/16/13	Data Requests on Staff/Intervenor Testimony
1/25/13	Responses to Data Requests
2/20/13	Hearing on Merits Permanent Rates 10:00 a.m. (if settlement)
2/28/13	Rebuttal Testimony
3/7/13	Hearing on Merits Permanent Rates 10:00 a.m. (if no settlement)

The parties reserve the right to submit return on equity testimony in this case if necessary, which may necessitate an amendment to the procedural schedule at a later date. Staff and the parties agree to exchange discovery and filings by email. Filings made directly to the

Commission will follow the usual seven hardcopies plus an electronic copy, pursuant to Puc 203.02. Technical sessions contained in the proposed procedural schedule will be conducted so as to allow teleconferencing if parties are unable to physically attend. Staff and the parties propose the above schedule on the expectation that the Commission's final audit of Aquarion will be issued prior to the third round of discovery so that Staff and the parties will have the benefit of that report in developing discovery requests.

The Town of Hampton will be sending a letter by July 18, 2012 to the Commission requesting that it schedule a public hearing in Hampton in December 2012 on the proposed permanent rate increase.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the proposed procedural schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia A. B. Thunberg".

Marcia A. B. Thunberg
Staff Attorney

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