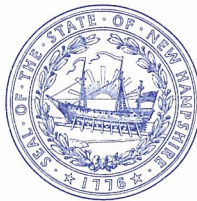


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Re: DE 12-097, Electric and Gas Utilities
Investigation into Purchase of Receivables, Customer Referral and Electronic Interface
Suspension of Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On August 24, 2012, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed three motions in the above-captioned docket, including a motion to stay the procedural schedule pending resolution of outstanding motions.¹

Among the outstanding motions are motions to compel responses to discovery. Specifically, PSNH and Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities each filed motions to compel the Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA) to respond to certain data requests; and PSNH filed a motion to compel Power New England (PNE) to respond to discovery requests. RESA and PNE have filed objections to the respective motions to compel, and these disputes have not been resolved. In addition, PSNH has filed substantive motions related to the intervenor status of PNE. Finally, PNE and RESA filed objections to PSNH's motion to stay the procedural schedule.

According to the procedural schedule set forth in Commission Order No. 25,389 (July 3, 2012), Staff and intervenor testimony is due on September 10, 2012. Pursuant to Puc 203.09, parties to a proceeding have a right to conduct discovery. Discovery is necessarily conducted before responsive testimony is prepared and filed. Accordingly, the Commission has suspended the procedural schedule established in Order No. 25,389 pending a ruling on the various parties' motions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

¹ In the same filing, PSNH submitted a motion in connection with Docket No. DE 12-093, *Petition of Power New England*. The Commission will address the motion related to Docket DE 12-093 separately.

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