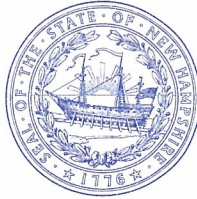


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Re: Docket No. DE 12-320  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Petition for Recovery of Pre-Staging Costs through the Major Storm Cost Reserve  
Report of Technical Session and Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 26, 2012, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a petition to allow it to recover certain pre-staging costs incurred in preparation for major storms from its Major Storm Cost Reserve (MSCR). The Commission issued an Order of Notice on November 13, 2012 scheduling a prehearing conference for November 27, 2012. The Office of Consumer Advocate did not provide notice of its participation in this proceeding or appear at the prehearing conference; and no other parties filed motions to intervene or were present at the prehearing conference.

Following the prehearing conference, PSNH and Staff met in technical session to develop a procedural schedule and process for the filing. PSNH and Staff agreed that discovery should be scheduled and agreed to the following discovery schedule:

Staff Data Requests	By November 30, 2012
PSNH Data Responses	By December 7, 2012
Conference Call (if necessary)	December 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Staff will file its recommendation on the petition as soon as practicable following a complete review of the filing and related discovery.

Because PSNH's petition does not request a rate change, and because, as PSNH pointed out in prefiled testimony, the Commission allowed Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. to recovery pre-staging costs through its MSCR in Docket DE 10-055, PSNH and Staff

believe that the Commission may decide this docket without a hearing, through an order *nisi* or as the Commission may otherwise deem appropriate. Accordingly, no hearing date is proposed for the procedural schedule.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve the procedural schedule as proposed above. I certify that an electronic copy of this letter will be served on the parties whose names appear on the service list for this docket contemporaneous with the filing of this letter with the Commission.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne G. Amidon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Suzanne G. Amidon  
Staff Attorney

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