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To Interested Parties

Re: IR 13-038 Stakeholder Review of New Hampshire's Utility Assessment System

Dear Sir or Madam:

In Order No. 25,451, the Commission directed Staff to convene a collaborative stakeholder process to review the current utility assessment system, given changes in the utility industry and utility regulation since the assessment statute, RSA 363-A, was last amended. The stakeholder process will be conducted as an investigative review, rather than an adjudicative proceeding under Commission Rules PART Puc 203. Toward that end, the Commission has asked Staff to gather pertinent information, including through information requests to the parties.

Attached are Staff's first set of information requests in this process. The intent of these requests is to identify issues and generate further discussion of the Commission's current assessment procedures in light of recent legislative and industry developments, as raised initially in Docket No. DM 12-276. Responses to the attached questions will be considered as preliminary position statements to facilitate stakeholder discussion, rather than formal, adjudicative positions.

If you seek confidential treatment for any response, you should mark that material as confidential and submit a motion for confidential treatment for the Commission's consideration. Anything submitted pursuant to a motion for confidentiality will be kept confidential pending Commission action.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List