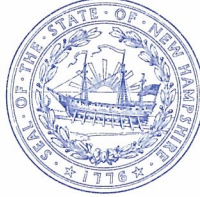


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Re: IR 13-244, Investigation into Payment Hierarchy between Competitive Energy Suppliers and Electric and Natural Gas Distribution Utilities
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On September 20, 2013, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Liberty Utilities, North American Power and Gas, LLC, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Electricity NH, Retail Energy Supply Association, PNE Energy, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff. Interventions were granted to Electricity NH, Retail Energy Supply Association, PNE Energy and North American Power and Gas, LLC.

Following the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated September 24, 2013:

Responses to Technical Session Data Requests	09/25/13
Competitive Supplier Testimony/Proposals	10/11/13
Data Requests on Competitive Supplier Testimony/Proposals	10/25/13
Responses to Data Requests	11/08/13
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	11/13/13 at 10:00 a.m.
Utility/OCA Testimony	11/22/13
Data Requests on Utility/OCA Testimony	12/06/13
Responses to Data Requests	12/20/13
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	01/15/14 at 10:00 a.m.
Staff Report or Settlement Agreement	01/29/14
Hearing on the Merits	02/06/14 at 10:00 a.m.

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. In addition, based on arguments at the prehearing conference, the Commission has determined that the natural gas distributions companies no longer need to be designated as mandatory parties to this docket. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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