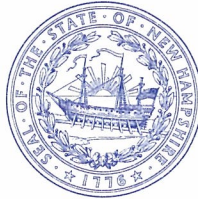


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Re: IR 13-244 Investigation into Payment Hierarchy between Competitive Energy
Suppliers and Electric Distribution Utilities
Procedural Schedule—Request to Suspend

Dear Ms. Howland:

On September 26, 2013, the Commission approved a procedural schedule in the above-captioned proceeding. Pursuant to the schedule, Staff and the parties held a technical session on November 13, 2013 which included a discussion of the competitive energy suppliers (CEPs) efforts to settle the issues in this docket with the electric distribution utilities and the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC). As a result of this discussion, the distribution utilities and NHEC were asked to provide additional information to advance settlement negotiations.

To allow these settlement discussions to continue, Staff on behalf of the parties requests that the Commission suspend the current procedural schedule which calls for testimony to be filed on November 22, 2013. The requested suspension would only apply to the following deadlines: November 22, 2013 (filing of testimony), December 6, 2013 (data requests on filed testimony) and December 20, 2013 (data responses due). We ask that the remaining dates, including the proposed date for hearing, remain unchanged. Staff respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request.

I certify that this letter will be served electronically on the parties to the docket when it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

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