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November 14, 2014

Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: Waiver of 150-day Deadline for Filing Final Proposal 2014-86

Dear Commissioners:

In a letter dated November 13, 2014, Debra A. Howland, Executive Director of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), requested, on the Commission's behalf, a waiver pursuant to RSA 541-A:40, IV of the 150-day deadline after notice publication for filing Final Proposal 2014-86. This Final Proposal contains various amendments to Puc 200 on practice and procedure. Based on the publication of the rulemaking notice on June 19, 2014, the 150-day deadline under RSA 541-A:12, I to file this Final Proposal is Sunday, November 16, 2014, automatically extended pursuant to RSA 541-A:16, IV to Monday, November 17, 2014.

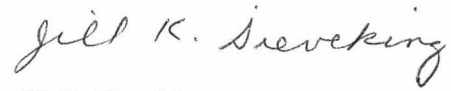
As provided by RSA 541-A:40, IV, as the Director of the Office of Legislative Services I have the authority to waive, for good cause shown, any deadline contained in RSA 541-A after consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR). Executive Director Howland's letter indicated that the proposal involves revisions to the Commission's rules on complaints, and that extensive and detailed comments were received from a regulated utility and other stakeholders, and that the Commission is currently in the process of analyzing these comments are considering revisions. Absent a waiver, the rulemaking proceeding would terminate after November 17, and the Commission would have to commence a new rulemaking proceeding.

I have consulted with the JLCAR Chair and Vice-Chair. In light of the reasons set forth in Executive Director Howland's letter of November 13, 2014, I agree that good cause exists for waiving the November 17, 2014 filing deadline and hereby grant the waiver as requested, with a new deadline of January 15, 2015 to establish and file the Final Proposal.

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If you have any questions in this regard, please contact legal staff in Administrative Rules at 271-3680.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill K. Sieveking".

Jill K. Sieveking
Director

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cc: Scott F. Eaton, Administrative Rules Director
Alexander Speidel, Esq., Staff Attorney, Public Utilities Commission