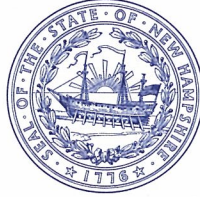


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Re: DG 08-048 Unutil Corporation and Northern Utilities, Inc.
Joint Petition for Approval of Stock Acquisition
Proposed Modification to Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Under the existing procedural schedule, a settlement, if any, is to be filed today. Staff wishes to inform the Commission that the parties and Staff are actively negotiating a possible settlement but will not be able to meet that deadline. The parties and Staff have agreed to hold further settlement discussions tomorrow, August 13, at 1 p.m. at the Commission offices. A further recommendation regarding the procedural schedule will be made following those discussions.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward N. Damon".

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