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Re: Docket No. 4770 - Letter dated March 16, 2018

Dear Mr. Wold,

In response to your letter of March 16, 2018, I have consulted with Chairperson Curran regarding your March 16, 2018 letter regarding the procedural schedule in Docket No. 4770. The Division may provide Supplemental Testimony on issues specifically related to testimony that is dependent upon the receipt of certain tax information from National Grid. In the initial direct testimony, the Division witness whose testimony is so affected should specifically note the affect and the potential need for supplemental testimony. The PUC will not, however, set an explicit schedule for the filing of such supplemental testimony given the tight schedule that now exists in this matter.

The schedule for the remaining testimony follows:

04/06/2018 – Division and Intervenor pre-filed Direct Testimony due

05/09/2018 – National Grid Rebuttal due

06/01/2018 – Division and Intervenor Surrebuttal due (preferably by noon)

06/12/2018 – Hearings commence

There are less than 5 weeks between the receipt of the Division and Intervenor testimony and the filing deadline of National Grid's rebuttal testimony. Presumably, there will need to be an exchange of discovery happening during this time. Following that, there are 3 weeks between the rebuttal and filing of Division and Intervenor Surrebuttal. Presumably, National Grid will be addressing tax effects in response to any Division and Intervenor testimony in rebuttal while having also provided any outstanding discovery responses. Thus, the more logical approach may be for the Division to file its supplemental testimony as part of its surrebuttal testimony, as has been customary in prior PUC dockets.

Chairperson Curran has noted that there is a status conference set in this matter on April 20, 2018. Further clarification may be sought at that time, if necessary.

Thank you,



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cc: Docket No. 4770 Service List