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Mrs. Susan M. Hudson, Clerk  
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Re: Docket No. 8585 – Irasburg MET Tower Investigation

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

Please find the original and three (3) copies of the **Proposed Schedule** of the Department of Public Service (“Department”) for filing in the above-referenced proceeding.

The parties to the proceeding have tried but failed to reach agreement on a proposed schedule. The Department’s proposed schedule includes the testimony submission deadline and discovery response timeframes requested by the respondent. The schedule does not set deadlines for submission of testimony from the Department, Agency of Natural Resources, and/or the Town of Irasburg at this time. The Department feels that a stipulation between the parties as to issues of fact is very possible, given the filings made in this proceeding thus far and the scope of the Hearing Officer’s investigation outlined in the Public Service Board’s (“Board”) September 23, 2015 Order Opening Investigation. A litigation schedule would be submitted to the Board if a stipulation cannot be reached by the date contemplated in the proposed schedule.

The Department advocates this approach – as opposed to setting deadlines past a stipulation date now – because the issues of fact to be litigated, if any, will be much clearer to the parties after submission of the respondent’s testimony and subsequent exchange of information. The parties would then be in a better position than they are today to craft a litigation schedule that is tailored to the needs of the proceeding going forward.



The Department is authorized to represent that the Agency of Natural Resources and the Town of Irasburg support the Department's proposed schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Commons', written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Commons  
Director of Public Advocacy  
Aaron Kisicki  
Special Counsel

cc: Docket 8585 Service List (w/ enclosure)

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 8585

Investigation into Meteorological Tower at )  
700 Kidder Hill Road in Irasburg, Vermont )

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**PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

Nov. 12, 2015	Status conference
Dec. 18	Blittersdorf testimony (including testimony addressing all 30 V.S.A. § 30(c) criteria)
Jan. 6, 2016	First round discovery requests on Blittersdorf
Feb. 5	Blittersdorf first round discovery responses
Feb. 24	Second round discovery requests on Blittersdorf
Mar. 25	Blittersdorf second round discovery responses
Apr. 6	Stipulation deadline with proposed hearing and briefing schedule or litigation schedule

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 20th day of November, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE



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Director for Public Advocacy  
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