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Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DG 07-072 Carrying Charge Rate on Cash Working Capital

Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff requests that the Commission delay this proceeding until January 18, 2008, at which time the parties could agree upon a procedural schedule. The reason for Staff's request is a shortage of resources to properly litigate this docket between now and year-end.

Staff has contacted all parties to this docket and no party except Northern Utilities, Inc. has any objection to this request. Northern asked that we convey its position as "Northern was willing to agree to Staff's request for a delay if Staff would agree to a prospective application of the outcome, but because Staff will not agree to that, Northern neither supports nor opposes the request."

We have served this request on all parties listed on the service list by electronic mail pursuant to NH Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

Sincerely yours,

F. Anne Ross, Esq. Staff Attorney

cc: Service List