

May 7, 2008

BY OVERNIGHT MAIL

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2425

Re: DG 08-048 Affidavit of Publication

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Order of Notice issued by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission on April 21, 2008, in the above-referenced docket, enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication on behalf of Unitil Corporation.

Sincerely,

Gary Epler

Attorney for Unitil Corporation

Enclosure

Gary Epler Senior Attorney 6 Liberty Lane West Hampton, NH 03842-1720

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

UNITIL Corporation, Petitioner NORTHERN UTILITIES, Petitioner)) DG 08-048)
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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DG 08-048

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ORDER OF NOTICE
On March 31, 2008, Unitil Corporation.
(Unitil) and Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) (together, Joint Petitioners) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a joint petition for approval, pursuant to RSA 374:33 and RSA 369:8, II[b), of Unitil's acquisition of Northern by many of Unitil's purpages of all the ern by way of Unitil's purchase of all the common stock of Northern. The Joint Petitioners request that the Commission issue an order authorizing the proposed transac-tion no later than 180 days after the filing, or by October 1, 2008.

Unitil's principal business is the retail distribution of electricity through its subsidtary, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. in the sea-coast and capital regions of New Hampshire and electricity and natural gas through its subsidiary, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company in the greater Fitchburg area of Massachusetts. Northern provides natural gas distribution services to customers in 44
New Hampshire and southern Maine communities, from Atkinson, New Hampshire, in the south, to Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, in the north. Northern's immediate parent is Bay State Gas Company (Bay State). Ni-source, Inc. (NiSource) owns all the common stock of Bay State and Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite). Granite owns and operates an interstate pipeline serving Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, including Northern's distribution system in Maine and New Hampshire.

According to the petition, Bay State will sell its shares of Northern, and NiSource will sell its shares of Granite, to Unitil for an aggregate purchase price of \$160 million, plus a net working capital adjustment, with the purchase to be financed by newly issued Until common stock and debt securities issued by Northern. The petition states that for the debt portion of the financing, Northern will be seeking authority, in a separate petition to be filed during the course of this proceeding pursuant to RSA 369:1, 369:2 and 369:4, to issue to institutional investors unsecured, long term notes in an aggregate amount of \$90 million. According to the Joint Petitioners, this portion of the financing is necessary to refinance and replace the NiSource inter-company debt formerly included in Northern's capital structure, which will be redeemed and paid off in full prior to completion of the proposed transaction so that Northern can be transferred to

tion, the Joint Petitioners seek approval to defer and amortize the transaction costs and deter and amortize the transaction costs and the transition costs associated with the ac-quisition of Northern by Unitil over 10 years, although Unitil commits that it will not seek recovery in rates from New Hampshire ratepayers of such costs. The Joint Petitioners also submitted a proposed amended and re-stated cash pooling and loan agreement and

to whether the proposed transaction will have an adverse effect on rates, terms, service or operations of Northern and/or Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and whether the proposed transaction is lawful, proper and in the public interest. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their

Base upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission is located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on May 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a pre-liminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.15 shall be considered. Parties should also be pre-pared to discuss the possible consolidated or coordinated resolution of other matters involving Northern, such as, for example, the operating and maintenance agreement between Northern and Granite regarding measurement and pressure regulating fa-cilities (DA 07-026), the purchase and sale agreement between Northern and Granite regarding pressure regulation facilities (DA 08-058), and the question of whether Granite's New Hampshire facilities should be corporately merged into Northern to operate as one state-regulated entity or alternatively whether it is appropriate to request a Henshaw exemption from the Federal Regu

following the Prehearing Conference, the Joint Petitioners, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow session to Petitioners to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to
N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Joint

Petitioners shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than April 30, 2008, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in AUCT which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with 8-REF the Commission on or before May 14, 2008;

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a i, loa Petition to Intervene with copies sent to the kr, r Joint Petitioners and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before May 9, 2008, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-

jecting to a Petition to Intervene make said id not Objection on or before May 14, 2008.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fourth AND I day of April, 2008.

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sion of New Hampshire this twenty-fourth day of April, 2008.

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in ; certain mortgage given by Jamie Belilah ("the Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated October 6, 2006 and recorded with the Rockingham Company as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-MI.NI, the present holder of said a Mortgage, pursuant to and in execution of said power and for breach of conditions of said Mortgage and for the purposes of fore-closing the same will sell at: Public Auction

on Wednesday, May 21, 2008

at sl 4:00 p.m. Said sale being located on the mortgaged premises and having a present address of 1142 Cabot Street, Portsmouth, Rockingham County, New Hampshire. The premises are more particularly described in the Mort-