



November 18, 2009

BY OVERNIGHT MAIL and E-MAIL

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Concord, NH 03301-2429

Karen Geraghty, Administrative Director
Maine Public Utilities Commission
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RE: NHPUC Docket No. DG 08-048
MPUC Docket No. 2008-155
Request to Amend Settlement Agreement

Dear Directors Howland and Geraghty:

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreements approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("NH Commission") in NHPUC Docket No. DG 08-048 and by the Maine Public Utilities Commission ("ME Commission") in MPUC Docket No. 2008-155, Unitil Corporation ("Unitil") and Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern") agreed, upon approval of the acquisition of Northern by Unitil, to conduct a study of issues regarding the potential integration of Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. ("Granite") and Northern in collaboration with the Commission Staffs and Offices of the Public and Consumer Advocates of Maine and New Hampshire, and to complete this study and a file report with both Commissions within one year of closing.¹ Accordingly, representatives of Unitil, Northern and the respective state offices (the "state participants") have commenced the referenced study (the "GSGT Study"), have held technical sessions and teleconferences, and are in the process of completing engineering and costing analysis.

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¹ The study is referenced in Article VII, paragraph 7.1 of the Settlement Agreement in NHPUC Docket No. DG 08-048 and Section III, paragraph E.1 of the Settlement Agreement in MPUC Docket No. 2008-155, and described in more detail in Attachment B to each Agreement.

In light of the approaching one year anniversary of the closing, December 1, 2009, and the desire to allow additional time to review the technical material, Unitil, Northern and the state participants agree that it would be beneficial to extend the deadline for filing the GSGT Study report. On behalf of all the study participants, I hereby request the approval of the NH Commission and the Maine Commission for an extension of the time, until January 11, 2010, in which to file the GSGT Study report with both Commissions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Epler", written over the typed name.

Gary Epler
Attorney for Northern Utilities, Inc.

cc: Edward Damon, NHPUC Staff Attorney
Carol MacLennan, MPUC Hearing Officer
Meredith Hatfield, NH Consumer Advocate
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