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**BY HAND-DELIVERY AND E-MAIL**

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

RE: Docket No. DG 08-048

Dear Director Howland:

In its Secretarial Letter issued on March 28, 2011, in the above-referenced docket, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") determined that Commission Staff and Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or "the Company") should continue to work closely on analyzing the costs and benefits of the Little Bay Bridge project and the PHMSA integrity management upgrades in the context of the various pipeline configuration scenarios presented by the Company at the status conference held on February 18, 2011. The Commission also directed that a joint report regarding the results of this further analysis should be filed by May 15, 2011.

As requested by the Commission, attached is the joint report of Northern and Commission Staff.

Sincerely,

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