

BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

UNITIL CORPORATION AND
NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC

Docket No. DG 08-048

PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF
HESS CORPORATION

In accordance with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules”) and its April 24, 2008 Order of Notice, Hess Corporation (“Hess”) hereby petitions to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding.

Hess states the following in support of its petition:

1. Hess is a Natural Gas Supplier serving retail natural gas customers in the State of New Hampshire with a principal place of business at One Hess Plaza, Woodbridge, New Jersey. Hess provides natural gas service to customers located within the service territory of Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) in both New Hampshire and Maine. Hess is also a shipper on Granite State Gas Transmission Company (Granite), delivering gas to points in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts.
2. On March 31, 2008, Unitil Services Corporation (Unitil) and Northern filed a joint petition for approval pursuant to RSA 374:33 and RSA 369:8, II(b) for a corporate reorganization in which Unitil would acquire all of the stock of Northern and Granite, an interstate pipeline serving New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts.
3. In its Order of Notice, the Public Utilities Commission of the State of New Hampshire (Commission) indicated that this proceeding may be used to coordinate resolution of

pending and other matters. As such, this could include evaluation of gas portfolio costs (DG 06-98) and whether Granite's New Hampshire facilities should be corporately merged into Northern to operate as a single state-regulated entity.

4. Hess has a substantial and specific interest in this proceeding because it is currently a party in DG 06-98, and is a shipper on Granite State pipeline. This proceeding is likely to resolve issues outstanding in DG 06-98, and to determine the regulatory disposition of Granite State facilities. Incorporating Granite into Northern's distribution system may have an impact on Hess' New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts operations with respect to capacity assignment, delivery flexibility and capacity costs. No other party is in a position to adequately represent Hess' interests in this proceeding. Accordingly, any decision in this proceeding will substantially and specifically affect Hess.
5. Hess does not anticipate presenting a witness in this proceeding, but anticipates submission of discovery and briefs and may seek to cross examine the Company's witness(es) to assist in developing a complete record for the Commission's consideration.
6. Hess requests that all notices, testimony, pleadings and correspondence pertaining to this proceeding be directed to the following:

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Hess prefers to be served electronically.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Hess respectfully requests that the Department allow its
Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted
On Behalf of Hess Corporation

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