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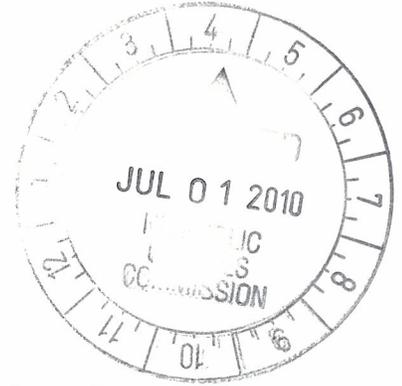
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Debra Howland
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**RE: DG 09-053 Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil –Gas Energy Efficiency Programs
Proposal to Modify Programs**

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing to notify the Commission that the OCA will not have a witness available for the hearing scheduled on July 13, 2010 in the above-referenced docket. The OCA does not object to proceeding with the hearing as scheduled in order to avoid a delay of the Commission's consideration of Unitil's requests in its letter of February 18, 2010. However, because the OCA intends to cross examine Unitil's witnesses and Staff's witness on their positions, we wanted to notify the Commission and the other parties that the OCA will not have a witness available at the hearing, as it is presently scheduled.

The OCA is authorized to represent that Unitil does not object to proceeding with the hearing on July 13 despite the fact that the OCA's witness will not be available. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Respectfully,

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