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

RE:

Settlement Agreement Docket No. DG 11-069

Dear Director Howland:

On behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. (the "Company"), the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of Consumer Advocate, enclosed is a Settlement Agreement and attached exhibits, resolving all outstanding issues in this docket.

The settling parties request that the Commission accept the attached Agreement pursuant to Puc 203.20(f). In support of their request, the Parties believe that acceptance of the Agreement at this time prior to the scheduled hearing will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

Please note that due to the size of the filing, only a limited number of copies are available for filing today. The remaining copies will be delivered on Monday, March 26. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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