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BY OVERNIGHT MAIL AND E-MAIL

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



RE: Northern Utilities, Inc. IRP Filing: Request for Extension of Time

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern") requesting additional time to file its Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission").

In the Settlement Agreement filed in Docket DG 06-098, Northern agreed that "[T]he 2010 IRP shall be the IRP that Northern will submit to the MPUC and NHPUC for review no later than nine (9) months following the date that this Settlement has obtained the approval of both Commissions." The Maine Public Utilities Commission approved the Settlement on February 24, 2010 and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission approved it on April 5, 2010. Accordingly, the IRP is due to be filed on January 5, 2011. Due to the complex nature of the filing as well as the press of other matters, however, Northern requests additional time until February 18, 2011 to submit its filing. Northern has discussed this matter with Commission Staff, as well as the Staff of the MPUC and the Maine Office of Public Advocate, and they do not object to the request for extension of time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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