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August 26, 2008

RE: DG 08-048, Unutil Corporation and Northern Utilities, Inc.
Order No. 24,860

To the Parties:

Enclosed is revised page 1 of Order No. 24,860 (June 3, 2008). The title of the Order has been changed from "Unutil Energy Systems, Inc." to "Unutil Corporation and Northern Utilities, Inc." All other portions of this order remain unchanged.

Please substitute the enclosed revised page to your copy of Order No. 24,860.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary

Enclosure
cc: Service List
Docket File

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 08-048

**UNITIL CORPORATION and
NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.**

Acquisition of Northern Utilities, Inc.

Order Following Prehearing Conference

ORDER NO. 24,860

June 3, 2008

APPEARANCES: Gary Epler, Esq. and Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP by Scott J. Mueller, Esq., for Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Patricia M. French, Esq. for Northern Utilities, Inc.; Rebecca S. Bachelder for Hess Corporation; Cook & Molan, P.A. by Shawn J. Sullivan, Esq., for United Steel Workers of America Local 12012; Kenneth E. Traum of the Office of Consumer Advocate on behalf of residential ratepayers; and Edward N. Damon, Esq. and Lynn H. Fabrizio, Esq. for the Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 31, 2008, Unitil Corporation (Unitil) and Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) filed a joint petition for approval, pursuant to RSA 374:33 and RSA 369:8, II (b), of Unitil's acquisition of Northern by way of Unitil's purchase of all the common stock of Northern. Testimony of representatives of Unitil accompanied the filing.

Unitil's principal business is the retail distribution of electricity through its subsidiary, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES), in the seacoast and capital regions of New Hampshire and electricity and natural gas through its subsidiary, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, in the greater Fitchburg area of Massachusetts. Northern provides natural gas distribution services to customers in 44 New Hampshire and southern Maine communities, from Atkinson in the south, to the Lewiston-Auburn area of Maine, in the north. Northern's immediate parent is Bay State Gas Company (Bay State). Nisource, Inc. owns all the common stock of Bay State and Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite). Granite owns and operates an interstate pipeline

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