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Debra Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: DG 11-069 Northern Utilities, Inc. - Rate Case
Settlement on Temporary Rates

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find a settlement agreement on temporary rates entered into by Northern, Staff and the OCA. The parties intend to present the settlement agreement at the temporary rate hearing scheduled for July 13, 2011.

On behalf of the settling parties, we respectfully request a waiver of Puc 203.20(e), which requires that settlements be filed five days prior to a hearing. We believe that the Commission's acceptance of this settlement agreement at this time will promote the orderly and efficiency conduct of the temporary rate hearing, and that it will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Respectfully,

Meredith A. Hatfield
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