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

RE: <u>Docket No. DG 15-033</u>, Northern Utilities, Inc. Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter as the request of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern") for a brief additional extension of time to file its Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP").

Pursuant to the Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Order No. 26,027 in Docket DG 15-033 (June 19, 2017), Northern was required to file its next IRP on or before June 1, 2019. This deadline was extended to July 1, 2019 pursuant to a Secretarial Letter issued on June 13, 2019. Northern has worked diligently to prepare and submit this filing in a timely manner, and requires a brief period of additional time to complete its analysis and perform an internal review. Northern personnel continue to devote significant time and resources to an ongoing gas supply and procurement audit in Maine, as well as numerous pending dockets in New Hampshire and Maine. For example, following the Commission's June 13, 2019 Secretarial Letter, the Company became aware that it would need to file for review and approval of certain precedent agreements in New Hampshire. The Company submitted this filing on June 28, 2019.

Northern requests a brief additional extension of time to July 9, 2019 to file its IRP. The Company has requested a similar extension of time to file its IRP in Maine. The Company submits that this request will not detrimentally affect the ability of the Commission or interested persons to perform a thorough investigation and review of the filing.



The Commission Staff and Office of the Consumer Advocate have been advised of this request and have indicated that they do not object.

Sincerely,

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