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By Hand Delivery and E-Mail

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: Docket DG 15-033: Northern Utilities, Inc. 2015 Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Ms. Howland,

In its recommendation dated January 9, 2017 in the above-referenced docket, the Commission Staff proposed that the Commission grant Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or the Company) a limited waiver from the requirement in RSA 378:38 that a utility integrated resource plan ("IRP") include an assessment of demand-side energy management programs, including conservation, efficiency, and load management programs. This letter serves as the Company's written request pursuant to RSA 378:38-a that the Commission grant such a waiver in this case. Good cause exists as the 2015 IRP is two years old, and any update to the IRP regarding demand-side energy management, without corresponding updates to the rest of the IRP, will have little analytical value. The Company will include the statutorily mandated assessment in its next IRP.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant the limited waiver requested in this letter and in the Staff's recommendation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Taylor", written over a horizontal line.

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