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May 31, 2017

Re: DG 16-667 Northern Utilities, Inc.
Petition for License to Construct and Maintain a Distribution Gas Main across Public Waters in the Town of Exeter

To the Parties:

On June 17, 2016, Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern") filed a petition requesting that the Commission grant Northern a license to construct and maintain a distribution gas main across the confluence of the public waters of the Exeter River and Squamscott River in Exeter, New Hampshire. According to a Staff Recommendation filed on November 23, 2016, Northern will replace an existing main in coordination with the Town of Exeter's rehabilitation of the String Bridge. Staff represented that the entire portion of main crossing the String Bridge and the Exeter River will be encased in the concrete bridge structure, above the bridge arches and below the bridge road surface. Based on these representations, the Commission determined that, as designed, no license is required for the crossing. *See Public Utilities: Licensing of Crossings Over Public Waters and State-owned Land, 35 NHPUC 94, 94-95 (1953)* (Licenses need not be obtained for "crossings having supports attached to public highway bridges, except where such crossings are below the bridge clearance" but such crossings are not excepted "from compliance with established minimum safety standards.").

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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