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BY OVERNIGHT MAIL AND EMAIL

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

RE: Docket No. DG 17-039

Dear Director Howland:

On behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) and pursuant the Order of Notice issued by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission on September 6, 2017, regarding Northern's petition for license to construct and maintain a natural gas distribution main under the public waters of Little River in Exeter, New Hampshire, in the above-docketed matter. Enclosed please find the Affidavit of Kelly Cross that publication of the Order of Notice was made in the New Hampshire Union Leader on September 11, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Peterson", with a large circular flourish.

Ryan Peterson
Legal Assistant
Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a/ Unitil

Enclosure

cc: Service List (by e-mail only)

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I hereby certify that the legal notice: (0002225390) DG 17-039 NORTHERN UTILITIES
was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader
On:
09/11/2017.

Kelley McCross
KELLY MCROSS
Sept 11 2017

State of New Hampshire
Hillsborough County

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

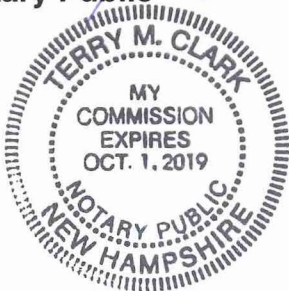
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day of

Sept 2017

Terry M. Clark

Notary Public



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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DG 17-039**

NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.

**Petition for License to
Construct and Maintain a
Gas Distribution Main
Across Little River
in the Town of Exeter**

Summary of Order Nisi No. 26,053

Granting License

September 6, 2017

On September 6, 2017, the Commission approved a petition filed pursuant to RSA 371:17 filed by Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern), requesting a license to construct and maintain a natural gas distribution main under Little River in Exeter, New Hampshire. The Commission's Order granting the license, along with the petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-039.html>.

The Commission determined that the proposed main is needed to meet the requirements for reasonable and safe service to the public, and that the license could be granted without substantially affecting the public rights in the Little River. Accordingly, the Commission approved Northern's request for a license to cross under the public waters, subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossing.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval of Northern's request, to ensure the public receives notice of the Commission's determination and has an opportunity to request a hearing. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's action may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, which states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than September 25, 2017. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than October 2, 2017. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. The Commission's order shall become final and effective on October 6, 2017, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

(UL - Sept. 11)