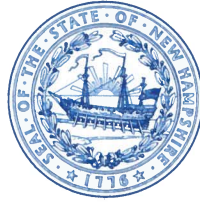


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September 5, 2018

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Docket No. DG 18-103, Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil
Request for Additional Franchise Territory in Kingston and Atkinson

Dear Ms. Howland:

In connection with the above-referenced proceeding, please be advised that the Office of the Consumer Advocate concurs in the recommendations of the Commission Staff, as reflected in the August 28, 2018 memorandum from the Gas & Water Division and the September 4, 2018 memorandum from the Safety Division, the latter revising certain previously issued recommendations.

In particular, we agree that the Commission should grant the pending petition, with certain minor conditions proposed by the Safety Division. We agree with the Gas & Water Division that in the circumstances the Commission may enter its order without a hearing. *See* RSA 374:26 ("Such permission may be granted without hearing when all interested parties are in agreement.").

Please feel free to contact me if there are any concerns or questions about the foregoing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Maurice Kreis".

D. Maurice Kreis
Consumer Advocate

cc: Service List