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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
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Re: DG 23-086 Northern Utilities, Inc. Petition for Approval of Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor, *DOE's Partially Assented-To Proposed Procedural Schedule*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Enclosed please find the New Hampshire Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department")'s partially assented-to proposed procedural schedule, consistent with the Commission's Order 26,896 (October 31, 2023) and in response to the Commission's Procedural Order Re: Company, OCA, and DOE Motions and Cancelling October 23, Hearing (Oct. 13, 2023). The DOE shared a proposed schedule with Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or "the Company") and the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") yesterday. Northern assents to the attached proposed procedural schedule. As of the date and time this letter is filed, the OCA's position is unknown.

The DOE notes that it is unable to recommend hearing dates in "early January" due to witness unavailability. DOE has proposed a hearing during the week of January 22, 2024. *See* Order 26,896 at 2; DOE proposed schedule (attached).

The DOE further notes that the relief request in DOE's motion to enlarge time, was to permit DOE to file a proposed procedural schedule by November 9, said schedule to include a new date for DOE's Position Statement/Technical Statement (or Testimony). *Compare* DOE Letter dated October 16, 2023; *with* Commission's Procedural Order re Deadline for DOE Position Statement (Oct 18, 2023) ("GRANT[ing] DOE's request"). DOE is unable to file a technical statement as of today's date because although two sets of data requests have been issued, the DOE requires additional time for analysis and to receive the Company's response to DOE DR Set 2. Accordingly, DOE respectfully asks the Commission to find the attached procedural schedule, with a DOE Position Statement (Technical Statement) due on or before December 8, 2023, is acceptable and consistent with the Commission's procedural order "GRANT[ing]" the relief DOE sought on October 16.

Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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