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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DG 23-087 Northern Utilities, Inc., Petition for Expedited Approval of Empress Capacity Agreements, *DOE's Assented-To Proposed Procedural Schedule*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Enclosed please find the New Hampshire Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department")'s assented-to proposed procedural schedule. *See* Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Prehearing Conference (Oct. 12, 2023) at 4 (encouraging parties to confer regarding procedural schedule in advance of prehearing conference). By and through counsel, both Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or "the Company") and the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") assent to the proposed schedule.

DOE notes that the parties are available for hearing on January 18 or January 19, should either date be acceptable to the Commission. At present, the parties anticipate that half a day would be reasonable, however out of an abundance of caution, and given the Company's requested order-issuance date of January 26, 2023, the parties contemplate reserving a full-day for hearing.

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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