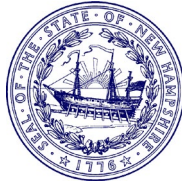


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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
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Re: DG 23-087 Northern Utilities Inc. Petition for Expedited Approval of Empress Capacity Agreement, *DOE's REDACTED Position Statement of Alam & Arif*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Enclosed please find the New Hampshire Department of Energy's ("DOE" or "the Department") *REDACTED Position Statement of Ashraf Al Alam, Utility Analyst, & Faisal Deen Arif, Gas Director*, consistent with the approved procedural schedule. *See Procedural Order Re: Proposed Procedural Schedule* (Nov. 16, 2023).

A CONFIDENTIAL version of this Position Statement will be filed under separate cover.

Live Excel spreadsheets will also be filed under separate cover; CONFIDENTIAL spreadsheets shall be provided in a manner consistent with that status.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed in electronic format.

Respectfully Submitted,

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