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Dennis L. Keschl
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ME Public Utilities Commission
242 State Street
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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Northern Utilities, Inc., 2006 Long-Range Integrated Resource Plan
Northern Utilities, Inc., Request for Joint State Commission Hearing

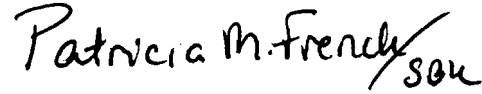
Dear Mr. Keschl and Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern"), please find:

1. Northern's 2006 Long-Range Integrated Resource Plan for its Total System Serving its Maine Division and its New Hampshire Division ("the Plan"), to be Reviewed Jointly by the Maine Public Utilities Commission ("Maine Commission") and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("New Hampshire Commission");
2. Petition of Northern to Convene Joint Hearings between the Maine Commission and the New Hampshire Commission for the purpose of reviewing the Plan; and
3. Motions for Protective Order, requested to be approved separately by the Maine Commission and the New Hampshire Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Kindly date stamp a copy of this filing letter, included for this purpose, and return it to me in the envelope provided.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia M. French" followed by a stylized flourish that looks like "son".

Patricia M. French

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