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February 16, 2007

Ms. Debra A. Howland Executive Director & Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: DG 06-098 Northern Utilities, Inc. Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed is a proposed procedural schedule to govern the remainder of this docket. The Maine Public Utilities Commission has opened a similar proceeding, Docket No. 2006-390, Investigation of Northern Utilities, Inc.'s 2006 Integrated Resource Plan, for its review of Northern's Integrated Resource Plan. To promote efficient use of resources and work toward a coordinated result, joint technical sessions and settlement discussions and sharing of discovery are proposed. Certain elements of the Maine proceeding are not included here as they do not pertain to the New Hampshire proceeding.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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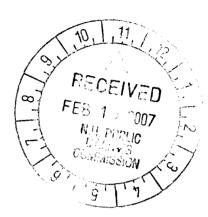
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DG 06-098 Northern IRP Procedural Schedule Proposal

| Technical conference re forecasting | March 15 at 1:30 pm at MPUC offices, Augusta, ME |
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| Joint technical session/settlement discussions re capacity reserve and other IRP issues | March 27 at 9:30 am at Northern's offices, Portsmouth, NH |
| Joint settlement discussions/technical session | April 13 at 9:30 am at Northern's offices, Portsmouth, NH |
| Staff/intervenor testimony | May 4 |
| Company data requests | May 11 |
| Staff/intervenor responses | May 25 |
| Company rebuttal/supplemental testimony | June 1 |
| NHPUC Hearing | June 13 at 10 am |

Staff/intervenor data request discovery through April 13, with responses provided on a rolling basis within ten business days.

Discovery requests and responses will be copied to all parties in both the New Hampshire and Maine proceedings.