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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
The State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Docket No. DG 06-098 – Northern Utilities, Inc., Investigation into Northern Utilities, Inc.'s 2006 Integrated Resource Plan for its Maine and New Hampshire Divisions

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find the Petition to Intervene of Hess Corporation in the above captioned docket. Pursuant to the filing instructions, the original plus seven copies of this filing are being sent to the Commission. Please contact me if you have any questions with respect to this filing.

Sincerely,



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BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC

Docket No. DG 06-098

PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF
HESS CORPORATION

In accordance with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules”) and its July 26, 2006 Order of Notice, Hess Corporation (“Hess”) hereby petitions to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding.

Hess states the following in support of its petition:

1. Hess is a Natural Gas Supplier now serving retail gas customers in the State of New Hampshire with a principal place of business at One Hess Plaza, Woodbridge, New Jersey. Hess recently acquired additional New Hampshire customers formerly served by Select Energy, Inc.
2. On June 29, 2006, Northern Utilities, Inc. (“Northern”) filed its 2006 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in accordance with the recently approved Stipulation in Docket No. DG 05-080. Under the terms of the Stipulation, Northern made its filing on June 29, 2006 and notified the marketers on its system of its filing.
3. Hess has a substantial and specific interest in intervening in this proceeding because the allocation methodology of Northern’s capacity reserve may have a substantial affect on Hess’ business and Hess’ customers. Hess currently serves Maine and New Hampshire customers, and additional costs imposed on either Hess or its customers may have an impact on the competitive market under which Hess and other New Hampshire suppliers

operate. No other party is in a position to adequately represent Hess' interests in this proceeding. Accordingly, any decision in this proceeding will substantially and specifically affect Hess.

4. Given its position as a Natural Gas Supplier, Hess will have information that will aid the Commission in its evaluation of Northern's proposal.
5. On July 26, 2006, the Commission issued an Order of Notice establishing August 11, 2006 as the date for the filing of Petitions to Intervene. Hess' Petition to Intervene is timely and consistent with the Commissions rules.
6. Hess requests that all notices, testimony, pleadings and correspondence pertaining to this proceeding be directed to the following:

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Hess prefers to be served electronically.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Hess respectfully requests that the Department allow its
Petition to Intervene out of time in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted
On Behalf of Hess Corporation



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