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**VIA E-FILE AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301



Re: Northern Utilities, Inc., DA 07-026 - Affiliate Agreement with Granite State Gas Transmission

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed, on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern"), please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Northern's revised affiliate agreement between Northern and Granite State Gas Transmission ("Granite") regarding the operation and maintenance ("O&M") of metering and regulator equipment ("revised affiliate M&R Agreement"). The revised affiliate M&R Agreement has been filed with the Maine Public Utilities Commission ("Maine Commission" or "MPUC"). Northern asks the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to accept this proposed revised affiliate M&R Agreement for filing.

To commence the instant docket, Northern filed with the Commission a copy of its February 28, 2007 filing with the Maine Commission, which included a proposed affiliate agreement between Granite and Northern. During the process of review by the Maine Commission staff, several changes were suggested, and those changes and clarifications have been incorporated into today's revised affiliate M&R Agreement.

Attached to this letter is the filing made August 1, 2007 with the Maine Commission. It includes the proposed revised affiliate M&R Agreement as Attachment Northern-1 (Revised), which articulates the respective responsibilities of Northern and Granite with regard to the operation and maintenance of M&R equipment at the stations located in Maine and New Hampshire. Also included as Attachment Northern-1 (Revised) (Redlined), is a redlined version of Attachment Northern-1 which indicates the revisions from the February 28<sup>th</sup> filing. Attachment Northern-1 (Revised) also has Exhibit "A" -- a schedule of the M&R stations in Maine and New Hampshire; Exhibit "B" -- a responsibility matrix; Exhibit "C" -- Photos Showing Physical Limits of

Responsibility at M&R Stations in Maine; and Exhibit "D" – Photos Showing Physical Limits of Responsibility at M&R Stations in New Hampshire.<sup>1</sup>

Please accept the Northern revised affiliate M&R Agreement for filing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,

  
Patricia M. French

cc: Donald Kreis, Esq., General Counsel  
Randy Knepper, Gas Pipeline Safety

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<sup>1</sup> Because of their size, Exhibits "C" and "D" of Attachment Northern-1 are provided electronically, on compact disk.