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November 16, 2007

Debra Howland  
Executive Secretary and Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: DG 07-033 Northern Utilities, Inc.  
2007 Summer Cost of Gas

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission on behalf of Commission Staff is an Amended Objection to Northern Utilities, Inc.'s Request for Reconsideration, Rehearing and Clarification of Order No. 24,786 issued on September 13, 2007, in the above captioned docket.

Staff acknowledges that this Amended Objection is not filed within the 5 days required by Commission rule Puc 203.07. Staff requests that the Commission allow this late filed amendment and waive rule Puc 203.07 with regard to its amended objection in this case pursuant to Puc 201.05.

A waiver of Puc 203.07 in this case will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. Indeed, the purpose of Puc 203.07, which is to have objections filed before the Commission must make a decision on a motion for rehearing, will be met by allowing this late filing. Since the Commission has not yet decided the underlying motion for rehearing, Staff believes that this late filing may be helpful in clarifying Staff's position in this case prior to a Commission decision on the motion.

Staff did not realize the need to amend this objection until it heard the testimony of Ms. Leary on behalf of Energy North Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England on November 8, 2007 in docket DG 07-050. Having learned of an inaccurate statement in its Objection on November 8, 2007, Staff has moved quickly to correct that statement. The correction is contained in the attached Amended Objection at pages 4 and 5.

Staff has conferred with the other parties to this docket and they have indicated as follows. The Office of Consumer Advocate supports both the late filing as well as the positions set out in the Amended Objection. Energy North Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England and Northern Utilities Inc. were not able to respond in time for this filing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Anne Ross', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

F. Anne Ross  
Staff Attorney

Cc: Service List  
Attachment