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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC FILING

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



Re: Docket No. DE 07-064 Rate Mechanisms to Encourage Energy Efficiency

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing, in the above reference docket, please find an original and seven (7) copies of Northern Utilities Inc.'s ("Northern's") Motion to Intervene.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,

Patricia M. French / SBH
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Enclosures

cc: Kenneth Traum, Office of Consumer Advocate

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 07-064

RATE MECHANISMS TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

NORTHERN UTILITIES' MOTION TO INTERVENE

Now comes, Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern") and moves to intervene in the above captioned docket, pursuant to N.H. Code of Admin. Rule Puc 203.02. In support of this motion, Northern states as follows:

1. On May 14, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") instituted this investigation to examine, for electric utilities, such rate mechanisms as revenue decoupling that may remove obstacles to and encourage investment in energy efficiency.
2. Northern is a jurisdictional gas company serving New Hampshire customers along the Seacoast. Northern provides energy efficiency programs within the State of New Hampshire through the GASNETWORKS program. Northern is provided financial incentives to promote energy efficiency programs along side of other rate designs that do not discourage consumption.
3. In its order opening this investigation, the Commission asked a number of questions designed to elicit information to form the foundation of its investigation. Northern believes many of those questions are equally applicable to gas companies as they are to electric companies in New Hampshire. Accordingly, policy decisions

regarding decoupling or other similar rate mechanisms as a result of this docket may impact Northern.

3. Accordingly, pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and N.H. Code of Admin Rule Puc 203.02 Northern requests intervention in the docket as its rights, duties and other substantial interests may be affected by the docket.

4. The Commission established an intervention deadline of June 13, 2007. Because of the press of other business, Northern mistook the intervention deadline as June 18, the date of the procedural conference in the matter. Therefore, Northern seeks to intervene out-of-time.

5. Northern warrants that its intervention out of time will not affect the orderly progress of the proceeding and Northern will accept the procedural schedule as such may have been already established for this proceeding.

6. The interests of justice are served by allowing Northern to participate as an intervener in the docket.

7. Northern's intervention will not impair the proceedings but may actually promote the prompt resolution of the action.

8. Because the initial procedural conference was just this morning, Northern does not have access to a full list of intervenors in order to determine whether there is any opposition to its motion. However, given the early stage and generic nature of this proceeding, Northern believes its intervention would not prejudice any potential or actual party.

WHEREFORE, Northern Utilities, Inc. respectfully requests, for the reasons stated herein, that this Honorable Commission:

- A. Grant intervention out-of-time to Northern; and
- B. Grant any other such relief that is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHERN UTILITIES

By its attorney,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing document have been served this date on all persons named on the service list in Docket No. DE 07-064.

June 18, 2007

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