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Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DG 07-072 Carrying Charge Rate on Supply Related Cash Working Capital

Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff requests that the Commission continue the hearings scheduled for January 7 and 8, 2009, to a later date. Staff, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and Northern Utilities, Inc. have reached a settlement of the issues in this case and plan to file that settlement with the Commission shortly. As a result of the settlement, National Grid, on behalf of Granite State Electric and Energy North Natural Gas, has requested a continuance in order to prepare to litigate this case without Unitil and Northern.

Staff has contacted all parties to this docket and no party has any objection to Staff's and National Grid's request to continue the hearings. Please advise the parties of the next available hearing date in January.

We have served this request on all parties listed on the service list by electronic mail pursuant to NH Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

Sincerely yours,

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