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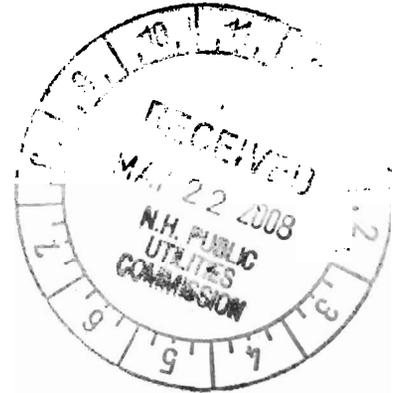
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Re: DG 08-048 Unutil Corporation and Northern Utilities, Inc.
Joint Petition for Approval of Stock Acquisition
Report of Technical Session, Including Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Representatives of the Joint Petitioners, Hess Corporation, United Steelworkers of America Local 12012-6, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Staff met in a technical session following the pre-hearing conference on May 14, 2008. The participants discussed issues related to the scope of the docket and the procedural schedule to be proposed.

In the petition for approval of the acquisition, see paragraphs 9 and 32, Unutil Corporation indicated that it intends to request authority, in a separate petition to be filed pursuant to RSA 369:1, 2 and 4, to issue long term, unsecured promissory notes to institutional investors in an amount up to \$90 million in connection with recapitalizing Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) following the acquisition. Unutil Corporation agreed to make this filing on May 30, 2008, with updates provided as appropriate. The participants recommend that the filing be docketed separately and immediately consolidated with Docket No. DG 08-048 for purposes of discovery, testimony and hearing, although separate orders regarding the acquisition and the financing would be issued.

The participants did not recommend that other pending Northern dockets be consolidated with Docket No. DG 08-048, including DA 07-026 (Northern affiliate agreement), DA 08-058 (Northern affiliate agreement), and DG 06-098 (Northern integrated resource plan). However, the Joint Petitioners agreed to cooperate with the expeditious processing of those dockets, notwithstanding the pending acquisition request. In addition, there was a general recognition that the question of relevance and materiality for purposes of discovery and testimony in Docket No. DG 08-048 would not be affected by the non-consolidation of these dockets or other, un-docketed issues.

The proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

Rolling Discovery to Company – Responses due in 7 days	5/14-7/3
Financing Filing	5/30
Tech Session/Settlement	6/2
Tech Session/Settlement	6/18
Staff/Intervenor Testimony	7/11
Rolling Discovery to Staff Intervenors – Responses due in 7 days	7/11-7/20
Tech Session/Settlement	7/16
Rebuttal Testimony or Settlement Filed	7/29
Settlement Discussions	8/8
Settlement Filed, if any	8/12
Hearings	8/19-20
Briefs	9/10
Orders Requested by Joint Petitioners	10/1

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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