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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: Gorham Paper And Tissue, LLC Petition for License to Construct and Maintain a Natural Gas Pipeline Over and Across the Androscoggin River in the City of Berlin, New Hampshire

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Gorham Paper And Tissue, LLC (“GPT”), enclosed for filing and docketing are an original and seven copies of a Petition for License to Construct and Maintain a Natural Gas Pipeline Over and Across the Androscoggin River in the City of Berlin, New Hampshire (“Petition”). A diskette containing an electronic version of the Petition is also enclosed and a copy of this filing is being provided to the Office of the Consumer Advocate.

GPT respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order Nisi with respect to the enclosed Petition. As further explained in the Petition, GPT anticipates that construction for this project will need to be completed by **September 26, 2011** in order to ensure the economic viability of the Gorham Paper Mill (the “Mill”). To the extent the Commission’s resources allow, we would greatly appreciate any effort that can be made to accommodate this need.

Given the tight permitting and construction schedule, GPT is filing this application prior to completion of the pipeline design and engineering. Consequently, the Commission should anticipate that the Petition and attachments thereto will likely be amended and updated as the design and engineering process evolves. We appreciate the Commission’s willingness to consider this Petition on a “rolling submissions” basis.

The Petition represents a new application by GPT for a modified version of the Mt. Carberry Landfill Methane Gas and Natural Gas Pipeline Project application which is currently New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) docket number DG 10-244. The applicant for that docket, the Androscoggin Valley Refuse Disposal District, assents to GPT’s proposed modifications. GPT submits this application to reflect changes in the proposal including new ownership and operation of the project and reduction of the scope of the current project to the route from the Portland Natural Gas Transmission Service (“PNG”) transmission line to the Mill. A single trench will be completed on this route and will include two separate pipelines- one for natural gas and the other for future extension to allow provision of landfill gas to the Mill. The GPT project does not include pipeline from the landfill. This modification allows GPT to best

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accommodate an accelerated permitting and construction schedule. GPT intends to submit a second petition regarding the separate, longer landfill gas pipeline project at a later date. Two separate pipelines will also afford GPT greater operational flexibility with regard to equipment fueling.

As discussed in greater detail in the Petition, the proposed pipeline will supply the Mill, located in Gorham, New Hampshire with natural gas used to fire boilers that supply steam to the Mill's papermaking process. The pipeline as currently designed will run approximately 1200 feet from a tap on the existing PNG transmission line to a metering and regulating building ("M&R Building") located on property of the Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District. From the M&R Building the natural gas pipeline will run roughly 3600 feet to the Mill. This 3600 foot run includes a 300 foot crossing of an existing abandoned railway bridge. This bridge shall be repaired to be structurally sound prior to completion of construction of the natural gas pipeline. No substantial impacts upon public use or enjoyment (including safety) are anticipated as a result of the proposed bridge crossing.

GPT respectfully request that correspondence relating to the Petition be directed to:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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