



February 24, 2012

BY OVERNIGHT MAIL AND E-MAIL

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



RE: DG 11-196
Request for Suspension of Filing Date

Dear Director Howland:

On February 2, 2012 the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") issued a Secretarial Letter approving a procedural schedule in this docket providing, in part, for the submission of Rebuttal Testimony on February 24, 2012. Since that time, Northern Utilities, Inc., and the Commission Staff have had a preliminary discussion in an attempt to settle or narrow the issues in this docket, and have agreed to continue those discussions. Accordingly, Northern requests a temporary suspension, without prejudice, of the time for filing rebuttal testimony while these discussions are underway. The suspension would be without prejudice to the Company's ability to file its rebuttal testimony in the future, should the parties be unable to reach a settlement. The undersigned counsel has relayed this information in a message to the counsel to the Union intervenor. Counsel for Staff and the Assistant Consumer Advocate do not object to this request. Northern submits that this suspension will not adversely or unduly delay the administration of this matter nor harm or prejudice any party.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Epler", written over a faint red circular stamp.

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