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Via Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery

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

***Re: Petition for Approval of Third Amendment to
 Special Contract with National Gypsum Company
 Motion for Protective Order and Confidential
 Treatment***

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc., enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-captioned matter, please find an original and six (6) copies of a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment along with the following unredacted documents: Prefiled Testimony of Michael Smith, and Schedules NU 1-1, 1-2, 1-6, 1-7 and 1-8. **Please note that the enclosed documents contain confidential information and should not be posted on the Commission's website or otherwise publicly disclosed.**

Pursuant to N.H. Admin. R. Puc 201.04 (c)(1) and (2), each page of the enclosed documents has been marked confidential in the upper right-hand corner, and confidential information that has been redacted from the public versions of the documents has been designated in the enclosed documents by highlighting/shading.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this filing. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures
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