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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 Fifth Amendment to
 Special Contract with Foss Manufacturing Company,
 LLC***

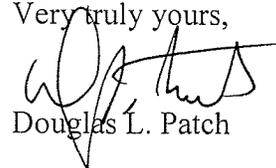
Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc., enclosed for filing and docketing please find an original and six (6) copies of a Petition for Approval of Fifth Amendment to Special Contract with Foss Manufacturing Company, LLC. The following redacted/public documents are submitted herewith in support of the Petition: Prefiled Testimony of Michael Smith and Schedules NU 1-1 through NU 1-9. Unredacted/confidential versions of the following documents are being filed with a Motion for Protective Order under a separate cover letter: Prefiled Testimony of Michael Smith, and Schedules NU 1-1, 1-5, 1-7 and 1-9.

Because the extended term of the Special Contract with Foss Manufacturing Company, LLC will expire on February 29, 2012, Northern requests approval of the Fifth Amendment prior to that date. Northern appreciates the short time frame created by N.H. Admin. R. 1606.02 (1) for review and approval of this filing and is prepared to provide any additional information necessary to enable the Commission and its Staff to complete their review as soon as possible.

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

Very truly yours,


 Douglas L. Patch

Enclosures

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