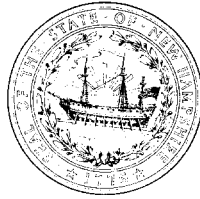


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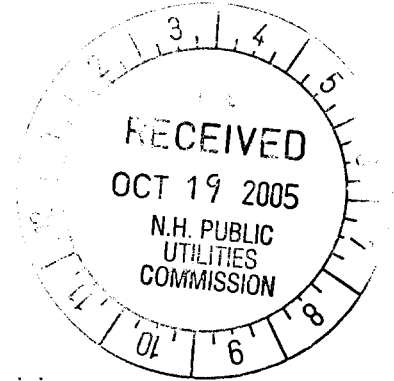
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October 19, 2005

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Re: DG 05-147; Northern Utilities, Inc. – New Hampshire Division
DG 05-148; Northern Utilities, Inc. – Pelham Division
Request to Reschedule 2005-2006 Winter Cost of Gas Hearing Date

Dear Ms. Howland:

Due to a death in the family, Northern's primary witness is unable to attend the hearings now scheduled for October 20, 2005. The witnesses' presence is essential to establishing a complete record in these dockets. Under these circumstances, Staff respectfully requests that the Northern COG hearings be rescheduled for October 26, 2005, with the Northern Pelham Division to begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Northern New Hampshire Division to follow immediately thereafter at 9:30 a.m.

Northern and the OCA have been consulted regarding the proposed scheduling change and support the change. (Other than the OCA in DG 05-147, there are no intervenors.) In addition, Northern has consulted Public Service Company of New Hampshire and it is amenable to moving its hearing, now scheduled for the morning of October 26, to the afternoon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward N. Damon".

Edward N. Damon
Staff Attorney

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