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February 23, 2016

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

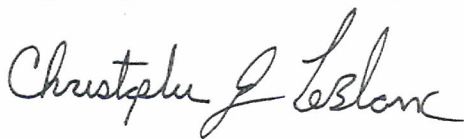
Re: Notice of Probable Violation – No. PS1602NU

Dear Ms. Howland,

On January 27, 2016, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission's Safety Division issued to Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or the "Company") a Notice of Probable Violation ("NOPV") for conditions relating to operations that incorrectly established the maximum allowable operating pressure ("MAOP") for System No. 24 Dover – Durham 99 psig. The NOPV alleges that the Company violated 49 CFR §§192.553, 192.557, 192.605, 192.619, 192.603 and 192.13. Pursuant to PUC 511.06(a)(4), the Company requests an informal conference with Commission staff. We understand that the informal conference will be conducted pursuant to PUC 511.07 and that, among other things, the Company will be able to gain a better understanding of the basis for the alleged violation(s) during the informal conference.

Please contact me at your convenience so we can determine a mutually available time for the informal conference.

Very Truly Yours,



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