



November 1, 2017

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301

RE: Docket DG 16-855: Petition of Northern Utilities, Inc. for Approval of Sixth Amendment to Special Contract with Foss Manufacturing, LLC

Dear Ms. Howland,

On December 1, 2016, Northern Utilities, Inc. (“Northern” or the “Company”) filed its Petition for Approval of Sixth Amendment to Special Contract with Foss Manufacturing, LLC (the “Petition”) in the above-referenced docket. The Company’s Petition included the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Michael Smith and accompanying Schedules NU-1 through NU-11. Attached as Schedule NU-9 to Mr. Smith’s testimony was the proposed Sixth Amendment, signed November 16, 2016, which if approved would extend an existing Special Firm Transportation Agreement for Delivery Service (the “Special Contract”) between Northern and Foss Manufacturing, LLC for five additional years beyond the Special Contract’s stated expiration date of February 28, 2017. The Sixth Amendment also allows for five one-year optional evergreen renewals following the initial five year extension term.

On February 24, 2017, the Department issued Order No. 25,993 (the “Order”) in the above-referenced docket. The Order indicated that Commission Staff had uncovered information that could affect the Commission’s approval of the Sixth Amendment to the Special Contract, including the unavailability of a dual-fuel option for Foss. As a result, the Commission extended the existing Special Contract for a term of one year, to February 28, 2018 to afford the Staff additional time to explore these issues related to the Sixth Amendment. The Company subsequently participated in a technical session with the Staff.

Northern now submits an original and six copies of the Supplemental Joint Testimony of Michael Smith (or Northern) and Paul Koroski and Bill Cummings (of Foss) in further support of the Company’s Petition. This Supplemental Testimony addresses issues raised by

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the Staff in a technical conference held earlier this year. Northern notes that, on or about July 25, 2017, AstenJohnson Holdings, Ltd acquired the Northern Division of Foss Manufacturing, LLC (i.e., the New Hampshire facility). The Northern Division of Foss Manufacturing, LLC is now Foss Performance Materials LLC.

The Company is also submitting an original and six copies of its Motion for Protective Order relative to confidential, commercial, and financial information included in support of its Petition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Taylor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Taylor
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cc: Service List