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Via Electronic Mail Only

Dianne Martin, Chairwoman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: Docket No. DG 21-131 Northern Utilities, Inc. 2021/2022 Cost of Gas
Parties proposed abbreviated procedural schedule

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

I write to ask the Public Utilities Commission to approve an *abbreviated* procedural schedule in this expedited cost of gas docket. With the creation of the Department of Energy, the method of establishing a procedural schedule for cost of gas dockets seems to be in flux. (There has been no prehearing conference in this docket, as there was in Docket No. DG 21-130, although the present docket is also expedited.)

The Department of Energy (Energy), Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern), and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) are in agreement with the following *abbreviated* procedural schedule. According, Energy asks the Public Utilities Commission to approve it. Energy notes that Northern states it will make every effort to meet the data request response deadline, yet reserves the right to ask for additional time if necessary.

<u>Event:</u>	<u>Proposed Date:</u>
Technical Session	October 13, 2021 9 am to noon
Data Requests filed	October 14, 2021
Northern Response to Data Requests	October 20, 2021
Hearing (already scheduled)	Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Pursuant to the March 17, 2020 secretarial letter, only an electronic version of this letter will be filed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary E. Schwarzer

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