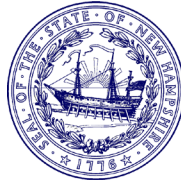


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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: DG 24-103; Northern Utilities, Inc.; Petition for Approval of RDAF and Waiver of RDAC; *DOE Motion to Carve Out Northern's Requested "Waiver" of the Settlement Agreement for a 90-Day Period and related procedural relief, including Canceling the October 29 hearing.*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-mentioned docket, the *New Hampshire Department of Energy's Motion to Carve Out Northern's Requested "Waiver" for 90-Day Period Because on Its Face "Waiver" of a Binding Settlement Agreement is Inappropriate, the Request Requires Complex Analyses, and Concerns Regarding Northern's RDA Formula Seem Best Addressed by Applying Settlement Terms As Originally Approved (and) Motion for Related Logistics Relief, Including Canceling the October 29 Hearing.*

The "related logistics relief" includes canceling the pending hearing scheduled for October 29, 2024, scheduling a new hearing for mid-January 2025, and using revenue decoupling adjustment (RDA) recovery calculations consistent with agreed upon settlement terms on a provisional basis in Docket No. DG 24-102, Northern's COG and LDAC docket, scheduled for hearing on October 24, 2024, with rates to be effective November 1. Northern objects to this procedural relief.

The Department also asks the Commission to allow the Department to file its technical statement on October 22 instead of October 17 (which Northern assents to), and for the sole focus of the Department's technical statement to be whether Northern's recent responses to DOE DR Set 1 appropriately calculate the RDA and bill impacts, consistent with the existing Settlement Agreement terms (4.25 percent cap of approved distribution revenues and "specific treatment" of any deferred balances remaining at the Company's next rate case). Northern does not assent to the Department's proposed narrow focus.

Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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