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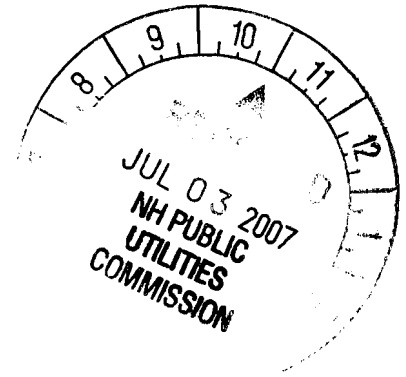
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### **VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Debra A. Howland, Esq.  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301



Re: **DE 07-064 – Energy Efficiency Rate Mechanisms**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Under letter dated June 20, 2007, Staff Attorney Anne Ross filed with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) notice that the parties to the above-referenced proceeding had agreed to a procedural schedule that included the filing of comments by the parties to the Commission on scope of proceeding on June 29, 2007, as well as for the utilities to provide baseline presentations on July 30, 2007. The purpose of this letter is to provide Northern Utilities, Inc.’s (“Northern’s”) comments on the scope of the proceeding.

Northern believes that the Commission’s May 14, 2007 Order of Notice appropriately addresses the scope of the proceeding. In particular, and in connection with the issues identified in the May 14, 2007 Order, Northern anticipates addressing the following issues in its presentation on July 30, 2007:

- Northern’s Energy Efficiency programs
  - Energy Savings
  - Financial Incentives
- Market-Driven Conservation
  - Drivers
  - Overall Declining Use per Customer
  - Revenue Impact
  - Alternative Approaches to Address Revenue Impact
    - Decoupling – Reconciling Mechanism
    - Rate Design – Fixed Delivery Service Charges
    - Other

Thank you for the opportunity for Northern to file its comments regarding scope in this proceeding.

Very truly yours,

*Patricia M. French* / SBN  
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cc: F. Anne Ross, Esq., NHPUC Staff Attorney  
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