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**Re: DR 17-037 Investigation of Gas Operator Qualification Programs & Testing Practices
Request for Extension**

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Commission issued an Order of Notice on March 30, 2017 opening an investigation into the testing practices and operator qualification programs utilized by the gas distribution utilities in this state. The order required Staff to submit a report of its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Commission no later than September 22, 2017. Because Staff is still conducting ongoing research, including an investigation of the testing practices and qualification programs being investigated in other states beside New Hampshire, and because this information may be helpful to the Safety Division as it prepares to issue its report, we respectfully request that such deadline for issuing a report be extended to include December 5, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randall S. Knepper".

Randall S. Knepper
Director, Safety Division

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