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July 11, 2017

Re: DG 17-070, Northern Utilities, Inc. Request for a Change in Rates Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On July 6, 2017, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the abovereferenced matter. Appearances were entered by Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern), the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff. There were no motions to intervene.

Following the prehearing conference, parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule, which Staff submitted to the Commission by letter dated July 11, 2017:

Rolling Data Requests to Company Begins	June 23, 2017
Staff & Intervenor Testimony on Temp Rates	July 18, 2017
Hearing on Temporary Rates	July 24, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
Final Set of 1 st Round of Data Requests	August 29, 2017
Final Responses to 1 st Round of Data Requests	September 13, 2017
Technical Sessions	September 20 & 21, 2017
2 nd Round of Rolling Data Requests to Company	September 28, 2017
Final Set of 2 nd Round of Data Requests	November 3, 2017
Final Responses to 2 nd Round of Data Request	November 20, 2017
Technical Sessions	December 5 & 6, 2017
Staff & Intervenor Testimony	December 20, 2017
Company Data Requests to Staff & Intervenors	January 9, 2018
Staff & Intervenor Responses	January 24, 2018
Settlement Conferences	February 14 & 15, 2018
Company Rebuttal Testimony	February 27, 2018
Settlement Conferences	March 13 & 14, 2018
Target Date for Filing a Settlement	March 22, 2018
Hearings on the Merits	April 4, 5, 11 & 12, 2018

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The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this secretarial letter as its initial prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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