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Re: Docket No. DG 17-070; Northern Utilities, Inc.; Report of Technical Session

Dear Ms. Howland:

On June 5, 2017, Northern Utilities, Inc., filed a petition to implement new permanent rates and to amend various tariffs for effect July 5, 2017 and to set temporary rates for effect August 1, 2017 (if the Commission suspended the effective date of the permanent rates). The Commission issued Order No. 26,024 (June 15, 2017) which suspended the proposed rates and tariffs and scheduled a pre-hearing conference for July 6, 2017 and a hearing on temporary rates for July 24, 2017.

The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter on April 26, 2017 indicating its participation in the docket.

Following the July 6th pre-hearing conference, the parties met in a technical session to establish a proposed procedural schedule for this proceeding.

The Parties agree to the following schedule:

Rolling Data Requests to Company Begins	June 23, 2017
Staff & Intervenor Testimony on Temporary Rates	July 18, 2017
Hearing on Temporary Rates	July 24, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.
Final Set of First Round of Discovery Requests	August 29, 2017
Final Responses to First Round of Discovery	September 13, 2017
Technical Sessions	September 20 & 21, 2017
Second Round of Rolling Discovery to Company	September 28, 2017
Final Set of Second Round of Discovery Requests	November 3, 2017
Final Responses to Second Round of Discovery	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

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Settlement Conferences
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Target Date for Filing a Settlement
Hearings

February 14 & 15, 2018
February 27, 2018
March 13 & 14, 2018
March 22, 2018
April 4, 5, 11 & 12, 2018

The parties agree that discovery responses will be due 10 business days from the issuance of requests. On behalf of the parties, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this proposed procedural schedule.

Sincerely,



Paul B. Dexter
Staff Attorney

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