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Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

> Re: Docket DG 18-103 Northern Utilities, Inc. Petition for Approval to Operate as a Public Utility in the Towns of Kingston and Atkinson

Dear Ms. Howland:

On Tuesday, July 24, 2018, the Commission held a prehearing conference in the above-captioned docket. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter of participation in the docket pursuant to RSA 363:28. No other parties filed motions to intervene.

The parties met in a technical session to discuss a proposed procedural schedule. Staff has already commenced discovery and the parties agreed to proceed with discovery on an informal basis. Staff intends to file a recommendation regarding the franchise request, following discovery, before the end of August. At that time parties will meet to determine whether they support the Staff recommendation and will communicate their separate recommendations to the Commission.

As a result, the parties do not request the adoption of a procedural schedule at this time.

Sincerely,

F. Anne Ross, Esq. General Counsel

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