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October 2, 2017

Re: DG 17-104 Northern Utilities, Inc.
Petition to Change Delivery Service Terms and Conditions
Canceling of Hearing

To the Parties:

On June 20, 2017, Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) filed proposed changes to the Delivery Service Terms and Conditions section of its tariff and supporting materials. The proposed changes govern the process of allocating pipeline and storage capacity held by Northern to third-party suppliers servicing Northern's customers. On June 26, 2017, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter indicating that it would participate in this proceeding, pursuant to RSA 363:28. The Commission issued Order No. 26,041 on July 13, 2017, suspending the proposed tariff and scheduling a pre-hearing conference. Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC (Direct Energy) filed a petition to intervene on September 4, 2017, which the Commission granted at the prehearing conference. Direct Energy filed comments on Northern's proposal on September 5, 2017.

On September 25, 2017, Northern filed a supplemental petition modifying certain portions of its original submission and leaving other portions of that submission unchanged. On September 28, 2017, Staff filed a recommendation in which it indicated that all parties to the docket support Commission approval of the tariff proposal, as modified by Northern's supplemental petition. Staff explained that the proposed tariff changes do not directly impact rates, but will more accurately assign gas costs between firm sales and transportation customers, which could impact cost of gas rates. Staff stated that rate impacts, if any, will be addressed in annual cost of gas filings. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the tariff, as modified, and cancel a hearing currently scheduled for October 5, 2017.

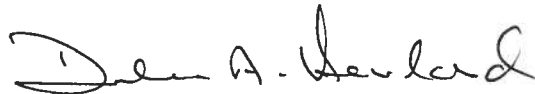
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Upon review of the record, the Commission has found the proposed tariff, as modified, to be just and reasonable. Accordingly, Northern's proposed changes to its tariff NHPUC No. 11, Part VII, Delivery Service Terms and Conditions, has been approved. The tariff changes are to take effect 30 days from the date of this letter.

In light of the Commission's approval, the hearing on the merits currently scheduled for October 5, 2017 is hereby canceled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List/Docket File