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Via Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery

Ms. Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301



Re: Petition for Approval of Fifth Amendment to Special Contract with Foss Manufacturing Company, LLC - Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc., enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-captioned matter, please find an original and six (6) copies of a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment along with the following unredacted documents: Prefiled Testimony of Michael Smith, and Schedules NU 1-1, 1-5, 1-7 and 1-9. Please note that the enclosed documents contain confidential information and should not be posted on the Commission's website or otherwise publicly disclosed.

Pursuant to N.H. Admin. R. Puc 201.04 (c)(1) and (2), each page of the enclosed documents has been marked confidential in the upper right-hand corner, and confidential information that has been redacted from the public versions of the documents has been designated in the enclosed documents by highlighting/shading.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this filing. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours, Douglas L. Patch

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