

June 13, 2013

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Debra Howland, Executive Director & Secretary NH Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

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RE:

Docket DG 13-086 Northern Utilities, Inc.

Settlement of Temporary Rates

Dear Director Howland:

On behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. (the "Company"), the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA"), and the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission ("Staff") (together, "the Parties"), enclosed is a settlement agreement on temporary rates in the above-referenced docket. The Parties intend to present the settlement agreement at the temporary rate hearing scheduled for June 14, 2013.

On behalf of the Parties, we respectfully request a waiver of Puc 203.20(e), which requires that settlements be filed five days prior to a hearing. We believe that the Commission's acceptance of this settlement will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the temporary rate hearing and of the overall proceeding, and that it will not impair the rights of any party.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or counsel for the other Parties if you have any questions concerning the settlement. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary Epler

Attorney for Northern Utilities, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Service List (e-mail only)