

**STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Docket No. 2006-\_\_\_\_\_**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**PETITION OF NORTHERN UTILITIES TO CONVENE JOINT HEARING**

Pursuant to Maine statute and regulations, specifically M.R.S.A. 35-A sec. 118 and ME. R. 65-407 ch. 110, Pt. 4, and New Hampshire statute and regulations, R.S.A. 363:18 and Puc 204.1, Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern") respectfully petitions the Maine Public Utilities Commission and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to convene promptly a joint proceeding in order to evaluate the integrated and combined gas supply and capacity portfolio maintained by Northern, to assess the methodology employed by Northern to develop its long-range resource acquisition plan used in designing the total system supply and capacity acquired to serve both its New Hampshire Division and its Maine Division in a best-cost fashion, and to approve such methodology and resource plan as reasonable and in the public interest.

Northern has provided notice of this petition to the State of Maine Office of Public Advocate and the State of New Hampshire Office of Consumer Advocate.

Respectfully submitted,

**NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.**

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