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Re: DG 15-033, Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil
Integrated Resource Plan
Extension of Deadline for Filing Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

To the Parties:

On May 29, 2019, Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil (Northern) filed a letter requesting an extension of the deadline for filing its Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP). Northern noted in its letter that it had advised Commission Staff and the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and neither opposed it.

The Commission approved Northern's LCIRP filed on January 16, 2015, in Order No. 26,027 (June 19, 2017). It ordered Northern to file its next LCIRP on or before June 1, 2019. *See id.* at 7. RSA 378:38 also requires natural gas utilities to file an LCIRP within 2 years of the Commission's final order on the prior LCIRP and within 5 years of the date the prior LCIRP was filed.

Northern requested a one-month extension of the deadline for filing its LCIRP to July 1, 2019. Northern requested the extension pursuant to RSA 378:38-a, which permits the Commission to waive the requirements of RSA 378:38 "for good cause." Northern asserted that good cause for an extension exists, because its Maine division is currently participating in a gas supply and procurement audit, and Northern personnel have spent considerable time and resources during the past several months in responding to discovery requests. Northern maintained that, despite working on this filing, it needs additional time to complete its analysis and to conduct an internal review. Northern's request for an extension is within the five-year filing requirement in RSA 378:38.

The Commission has determined that Northern has made a sufficiently compelling demonstration of good cause for a brief extension of this deadline. Accordingly, Northern's request has been granted pursuant to RSA 378:38-a. Northern shall file its LCIRP on or before Monday, July 1, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

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