



October 8, 2019

## Via Electronic Mail and Overnight Delivery

Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary N.H. Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301

RE: DG 19-116: Northern Utilities, Inc. Petition for Approval of Precedent Agreements for Westbrook Xpress Phase III Project

Settlement of the Parties

Dear Ms. Howland:

In connection with the above-referenced matter I enclose a Settlement Agreement entered into by all parties to this docket: Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or the "Company"), the Commission Staff, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate. The Parties agree that the terms of the Settlement Agreement are just and reasonable and in the public interest. None of the Parties to this matter contest the Settlement Agreement.

This enclosed Settlement Agreement is being provided to the Commission fewer than five days prior to the hearing. Puc 203.20(e). However, Commission acceptance of this late-filed Settlement Agreement will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding; and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding. Puc 203.20(f). Thus, the Company requests that the Commission accept and approve this late-filed Settlement Agreement pursuant to Puc 203.20(f).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials.



Regards,

Patrick H. Taylor

Cc: Office of the Consumer Advocate