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Dianne Martin, Chairwoman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DG 21-104, Northern Utilities, Inc.; Request for Change in Rates; Request to Suspend Tariffs

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

On August 2, 2021, Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) petitioned the Public Utilities Commission for, among other things, authority to implement permanent and temporary rates, as set forth in revised tariffs Northern filed with its petition. The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) docketed this matter as DG 21-104.

Pursuant to RSA 12-P:9, the Department of Energy, Division of Regulatory Support has entered an appearance in this matter. Pursuant to RSA 12-P:2 IV, the Department intends to investigate Northern's proposed tariffs and related materials in connection with the Department's preparation for hearings before the Commission in this matter.

To allow adequate time to complete that investigation, the Department respectfully requests that, pursuant to RSA 378:6, the Commission suspend the effectiveness of Northern's proposed tariffs prior to September 1, 2021, which is the proposed effective date of the tariffs.

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020), this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Paul B. Dexter*

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