THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Northern Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. DG 21-104

ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO CANCEL REBUTTAL DEADLINE

Northern Utilities Inc. ("Unitil" or the "Company") hereby moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to cancel, without prejudice, the deadline to file rebuttal testimony. The Department of Energy ("DOE") and Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") assent to the relief requested in the Company's motion. In support of this motion, Unitil states as follows:

- 1. On August 2, 2021, Unitil filed its petition for a rate increase pursuant to N.H. Admin Rules Puc 1600 et seq. On October 13, 2021, the Commission issued a Procedural Order approving a procedural schedule for the above-docketed matter. The approved procedural schedule included a deadline for Unitil to file rebuttal testimony, "if needed," by May 17, 2022.
- 2. On May 5 and 6, 2022, Unitil, the DOE, and the OCA (collectively, the "Joint Parties") engaged in settlement discussions pursuant to the procedural schedule. The discussions were productive, and the Joint Parties reached a comprehensive agreement in principle and are in the process of memorializing the settlement.
- 3. In light of the above, Unitil requests that the Commission amend the procedural schedule to cancel the deadline for the submission of rebuttal testimony. In that an agreement has been reached as discussed, there is no longer a need for rebuttal testimony. The Company will instead

focus its resources on drafting and finalizing a written Settlement Agreement with the other Joint Parties. Accordingly, Unitil requests that the deadline for rebuttal be canceled, <u>without prejudice</u>.

4. The DOE and OCA assent to the relief requested in this motion.

WHEREFORE, Unitil requests that the Commission grant this motion and amend the procedural schedule to cancel, without prejudice, the deadline for rebuttal testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached to be served upon the service list in this matter.

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