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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: DG 21-144; Northern Utilities, Inc.; Petition for Approval of Seventh Amendment to Special Contract with Foss Manufacturing Company, Inc.; Letter in Support of Approval of Amendment

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On December 29, 2021, Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) petitioned for approval of an amendment to an existing special gas transportation contract with Foss Performance Materials, LLC (Foss), pursuant to RSA 378:18. Northern submitted accompanying testimony and schedules in support of the amendment.

The Department of Energy (Department) reviewed the materials submitted by Northern, in particular, the testimony of Michael Smith, Manager, Business Services for Northern and Schedule NU-11, which contains the estimated marginal cost to serve Foss and the estimated marginal revenues to be received under the amended special contract. According to Schedule NU-11 (as revised and filed by Northern on February 9, 2022 to correct errors in the marginal revenue calculation) estimated marginal revenues from Foss exceed the estimated marginal cost to serve. Thus, Northern's tariffed customers are not expected to be burdened with any revenue shortfall stemming from Northern's service to Foss at the special contract rate. Further, Foss asserts, in its letter of December 20, 2021 (Schedule NU-9) that it does not compete with other New Hampshire companies in its market sector. Foss also described recent energy efficiency technologies it has implemented. Based on these circumstances, the Department believes approval of contract amendment is consistent with the public interest and recommends approval.

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 attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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