

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.)	DOCKET NO. DG 22-020
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**MOTION FOR WAIVER AND/OR DETERMINATION OF SUBSTANTIAL
COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil (“Northern” or the “Company”) hereby requests that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) waive its publication deadline and/or find that the Company has substantially complied with the terms of the Commission’s Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Hearing (“Notice”) issued on July 28, 2022 in the this proceeding. As detailed below, the Company has substantially complied with the Notice’s requirements and provided its customers with ample notification of the August 25, 2022 hearing, and there has been no prejudice to any party or participant in the docket. In support of this motion, Northern says the following:

As described by the Commission in the Notice, on July 20, 2022, the Commission issued Order No. 26,650 in Docket No. DG 21-104 approving a settlement agreement, which authorized Northern to request one step adjustment to recover the costs of eligible non-growth plant capital additions made during calendar year 2021. *See* Order No. 26,650 at 14-15, 20 (July 20, 2022). The step adjustment would be effective September 1, 2022. *Id.* at 14. Relevant to the step adjustment described in the settlement, on April 1, 2022 Northern filed a petition and supporting information relating to the capital additions covered by the settlement in Docket No. DG 21-104 and the Commission subsequently removed that filing to the instant docket. The Company’s filing was also revised on June

8 to reflect an adjustment in the method for determining the revenue requirement associated with the relevant investments.

On July 28, 2022, the Commission issued the Notice and set a hearing in this matter for August 25, 2022. The Notice also required that Northern publish a copy of the Notice on its website within two business days of its issuance, by Monday, August 1, 2022. Due to an internal oversight, the Notice was not published on the Company's website until Tuesday, August 9, 2022. That publication is confirmed by the affidavit of Daniel Main which is filed concurrently with this motion. By this motion, and for the reasons below, Northern requests that the Commission waive the requirement regarding publication by August 1 and/or that it conclude that Northern has substantially complied with the requirements of the Notice and afforded customers and other interested persons ample notice of the hearing in this matter.

In this proceeding, the only parties to the docket beyond the Company are the Department of Energy ("DOE") and the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA"). The DOE and OCA were likewise the only parties to the underlying docket where the settlement was presented that led to the filing in issue in this docket. Both the DOE and OCA were included on the Commission's distribution of the Notice on July 28. Accordingly, all parties to the docket have been afforded ample and adequate notice of the proceeding and the pending hearing and have not experienced any prejudice as a result of the delayed publication on Northern's website.

With respect to the general public, the Notice has been published on the Commission's public website since the time of its issuance and has thus been widely available to any interested persons. Additionally, the Notice was published on Northern's

website on August 9, which is more than two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing in this matter and prior to the passing of any substantive deadlines relating to the hearing.

Accordingly, adequate notification has been made to the public and there is no indication that the delayed publication has resulted, or will result, in any prejudice to the public.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission waive the requirement for publication by August 1, and/or that it find that the Company has substantially complied with the Notice and afforded customers and other interested persons ample notice of the August 25, 2022 hearing in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have caused copies of the above to be served on the service list in this proceeding.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew J. Fossum', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew J. Fossum