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> Re: Docket DG 18-094 Northern Utilities, Inc. Petition for Approval to Operate as a Public Utility in the Town of Epping

Dear Ms. Howland:

On Tuesday, July 24, 2018, the Commission held a prehearing conference in the above-captioned docket. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter of participation in the docket pursuant to RSA 363:28. Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities and the Town of Epping filed motions to intervene. At hearing the Commission denied Liberty's intervention request and granted intervenor status to the Town of Epping.

The parties met in a technical session to discuss a proposed procedural schedule. Staff will be issuing discovery today, in part to determine if a proposed State project along the proposed main extension necessitates an expedited procedural schedule. Staff will work with the parties in determining an appropriate schedule and will file a recommendation with the Commission. The parties reserve the right to assent, object, or otherwise comment on Staff's proposed procedural schedule upon its submission to the Commission.

As a result, the parties do not request the adoption of a procedural schedule at this time.

Sincerely.

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