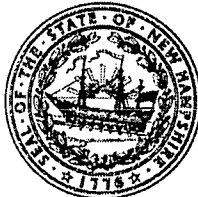


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Re: DG 08-048 Unitil Corporation and Northern Utilities Merger

Dear Attorney Epler:

On November 18, 2010, Staff filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission initiate a follow-up inquiry regarding the results of the Granite State Gas Transmission Study (Granite Study) conducted in the above-captioned docket. On November 24, 2010, you filed a letter on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern), a subsidiary of Unitil Service Corp. (Unitil or the Company), requesting that the Commission hold a status conference before ruling on Staff's recommendation. According to your letter, Northern proposes to make a presentation on the results of the Granite Study in an effort to respond to and resolve, or at least narrow the concerns raised in Staff's memorandum, and to possibly avoid the expenditure of time and resources that a formal investigation could require.

The Commission has reviewed the filings on this matter and determined that a status conference would be appropriate. Accordingly, a status conference will be held on January 27, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director