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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
Walker Building
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Re: DG 10-017, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH - Rate Case

Dear Ms. Howland:

The parties and intervenors in the above-referenced docket met to discuss settlement on December 14 and then continued negotiations by email and telephone through the end of the month during the holiday period. As a result of those negotiations, National Grid NH, the Commission staff (“Staff”), and the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) have reached agreement on a comprehensive settlement. It is possible that at least one other intervenor may join in the settlement as well. Staff and the settling parties are in discussions to finalize the wording of the settlement agreement, but require several additional days to do so. Therefore, on behalf of National Grid NH, the OCA and Staff, I request that the Commission waive N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 203.20 and modify the previously approved procedural schedule to allow them until January 10, 2011 to file the executed agreement with the Commission. The parties will endeavor to file the agreement by January 7 if at all possible.

In addition, in light of the fact that the Staff and settling parties will be offering a settlement agreement, National Grid NH, Staff, and the OCA request that the Commission use the January 13 hearing date to take testimony on the agreement, which would make hearings on the remaining scheduled dates unnecessary.


The waiver and extension of time requested by this letter is consistent with the public interest and the orderly and efficient conduct of this proceeding in that it will promote a comprehensive settlement of the numerous complex issues presented by this case and lead to a more orderly presentation at the final hearing. In addition, the waiver and extension of time

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requested by this letter will not unduly delay this proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party. I hereby certify that I have made a good faith effort to obtain the consent of Staff and the parties to this proceeding. Staff and the OCA have consented to the relief requested by this letter. Counsel for the Conservation Law Foundation and Ms. Locke were unable to respond prior to this letter's submission to the Commission.

Very truly yours,



Steven V. Camerino

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