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Via Overnight Courier

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St.
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Northern Utilities, Inc., Proposed Cost of Gas Factor
for the Winter Period of November 2005 through April 2006

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and eight (8) copies of the direct testimony of Joseph A. Ferro and Francisco C. DaFonte pertaining to the Company's 2005-2006 Winter Period Cost of Gas Filing.

Also, an electronic version of the filed information in Excel was emailed to Staff.

Please note that six schedules have been redacted to preserve supplier pricing, contract quantity and cost information, and that a Motion for Protective Order regarding this information will be filed under separate cover. Four of the six redacted schedules are contained in the "Gas Cost Exhibits" section, one is in the "Supplier Prices" section of the filing and the other one is Revised Tariff Page 38.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me. Also, please return one copy of this letter bearing the Commission's receipt stamp in the return envelope, which has been provided for your convenience.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosures

cc: Kenneth Traum, OCA
Ronald D. Gibbons
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