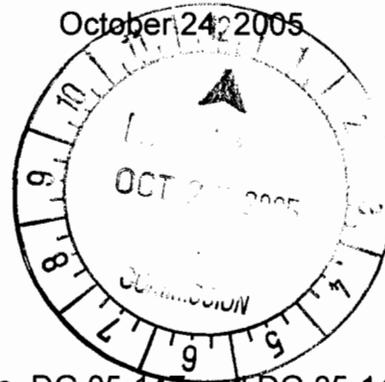




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Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
NH Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Proof of Publication – Docket No. DG 05-147 and DG 05-148

Dear Ms. Howland:

In accordance with the Orders of Notice issued on September 21, 2005 in Docket No. DG 05-147 and Docket No. DG 05-148, please find enclosed the following information:

- Northern Utilities' Original Affidavit of Publication;
- Copy of the Notice and Certificate of Publication for DG 05-147; and
- Copy of the Notice and Certificate of Publication for DG 05-148.

The Notices appeared in the NH Union Leader on September 26, 2005.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-836-7274.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Kullberg  
Regulatory & Tariff Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Patricia M. French, Esq.  
Seth L. Shortlidge, Esq.  
Joseph A. Ferro

## Affidavit of Publication

I, Susan B. Kullberg, Regulatory and Tariff Administrator, hereby certify that publication of the Orders of Notice issued in Docket No. DG 05-147 and Docket No. DG 05-148 – Northern Utilities, Inc., 2005-2006 Winter Period Cost of Gas for the NH and Pelham Divisions, has been made and given as directed in the Commission's Orders issued on September 21, 2005.

Susan B. Kullberg  
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Regulatory & Tariff Administrator

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Susan B Kullberg, whose identity is personally known to me and is the person whose name is signed on this document, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Linda Elaine Robinson  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 10/20/2010

I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was published in The Union Leader and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at Manchester, N.H., by the Union Leader Corporation on the following dates, Viz: . . . . *Sept. 26, 2005* . . . . .

(Signed) *Therese M. Landry*

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State of New Hampshire,  
Hillsborough, SS.

(Dated) *Sept 27 2005* . . . . .

Subscribed and sworn to by the said *THERESE M. LANDRY*

Before me,

*Claudette Mitchell*

Notary Public **CLAUDETTE T. MITCHELL**, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires June 20, 2006

## Legal Notice

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DG 05-147

#### ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 14, 2005, Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its Cost of Gas (COG) rates for the period November 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006 and its Local Delivery Adjustment Clause rates and certain supplier charges for the period November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006. Included in the filing were revised tariff pages and supporting materials for the changed rates and charges. Northern also filed a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment.

The proposed residential COG rate is \$1.2420 per therm, a \$0.2202 per therm increase over the weighted residential COG rate of \$1.0218 per therm for last winter. The proposed commercial/industrial low winter use COG is \$0.9076 per therm and the proposed commercial/industrial high winter use COG is \$1.3445 per therm.

The proposed surcharge to recover expenses and lost revenues related to the Low Income Assistance Pilot Program is \$0.0050 per therm. The proposed surcharge to recover environmental remediation costs is \$0.0101 per therm, a decrease of \$0.0004 per therm from the current environmental surcharge of \$0.0105 per therm. The proposed surcharge to recover the cost of the Wells Liquid National Gas tank exit fee is \$0.0053 per therm, a decrease of \$0.0015 per therm from the current Wells surcharge of \$0.0068 per therm. The proposed Conservation charge for residential customers is \$0.0078 per therm, an increase of \$0.0075 per therm from the current rate is \$0.0003 per therm. The proposed Conservation charge for commercial and industrial (C&I) customers is \$0.0099 per therm, an increase of \$0.0157 per therm from the current rate of (\$0.0058) per therm.

Northern is updating its Supplier Balancing charges, the charges that suppliers are required to pay Northern for balancing services as Northern attempts to meet the shifting loads for the supplier's customer pools. The proposed Balancing charge of \$0.77 per MMBtu of Daily Imbalance Volumes is an increase of \$0.02 per MMBtu from the current rate of \$0.75 per MMBtu. In addition, the proposed Peaking Demand charge of \$22.49 per MMBtu of Peak Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ) is an increase of \$4.49 per MMBtu from the current rate of \$18.00 per MMBtu of Peak MDQ. The changes are based on an update of volumes and costs used in calculating the charges. The proposed Capacity Allocator percentages used to allocate pipeline, storage and local peaking capacity to a customer's supplier under New Hampshire's mandatory capacity assignment, required for firm transportation service, have been updated to reflect Northern's supply portfolio for the upcoming year.

The estimated impact of the proposed firm sales cost of gas and revised surcharges on a typical residential heating customer's winter bill is an increase of approximately \$209, or 15.5% from last winter's rates.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to: RSA 378 relative to rates, forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, purchasing decisions related to the current and past winter supplies and capacity, revenue projections related to transportation services and released capacity, cost allocations between the New Hampshire and Maine divisions, the causes and treatment of any substantial over and under recoveries, the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues, and the prudence of environmental remediation costs for which recovery is being sought and not previously approved by the Commission.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED**, that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 20, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that Northern, Staff of the Commission and any intervenors hold a technical session at the Commission on October 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01, Northern shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 28, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 20, 2005; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission an original and eight copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Northern and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 17, 2005, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.02 and RSA 541-A:32, (b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 20, 2005.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-first day of September, 2005.

Debra A. Howland

Executive Director & Secretary

Individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication aids due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, NHPUC, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429; 603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.

(UL — Sept. 26)

I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was published in The Union Leader and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at Manchester, N.H., by the Union Leader Corporation on the following dates, Viz: *Sept. 26, 2005*

(Signed) *Therese M. Landry*

UNION LEADER CORPORATION

State of New Hampshire,  
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(Dated) *Sept 27, 2005*

Subscribed and sworn to by the said *THERESE M. LANDRY*

Before me,

*Claudette Mitchell*

Notary Public **CLAUDETTE T. MITCHELL**, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires June 20, 2006

## Legal Notice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DG 05-148

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 14, 2005, Northern Utilities, Inc.-Pelham Division (Northern), filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariffs providing for its winter Cost of Gas (COG) for the period November 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006. Included in the filing is updated information regarding Northern's efforts to sell its Pelham Plaza propane facilities and discontinue regulated propane service. The proposed COG rate is \$1.3916 per therm, compared to an average weighted COG rate of \$1.0694 per therm for last winter, an increase of \$0.3222 per therm.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to: RSA 378 relative to rates, forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, purchasing decisions related to the current and past winter supplies, the causes and treatment of any substantial over and under recoveries, the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues, and Northern's options for future operations at the Pelham Plaza.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED**, that a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01, Northern shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 28, 2005, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 20, 2005; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission an original and eight copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Northern and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 17, 2005, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.02 and RSA 541-A:32, (b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 20, 2005.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-first day of September, 2005.

Debra A. Howland

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