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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND OVERNIGHT COURIER

Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Northern Utilities, Inc. New Hampshire Division 2005-2006 Winter CGA, DG 05-147 March 2006 Monthly Report

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to Order No. 24,540 in Docket DG 05-147, enclosed on behalf of Northern Utilities ("Northern") are an original and one copy of Northern Utilities-New Hampshire Division's current calculation of its projected over or under collection of gas costs ending April 30, 2006 for the 2005-2006 winter period. Northern is also providing reports updated through February 2006 of Northern's: (a) monthly number of transportation service customers and associated gas usage, (b) summary of its hedging transactions and (c) monthly inventory interest calculation.

The calculation, which reflects the gas futures prices of March 16, 2006, as well as incorporating the Modified PR Allocator as stipulated in DG 05-080, and actual results through February, indicates an anticipated under recovery as of April 30, 2006 of \$1,503,676 or 3.84% of the total anticipated gas costs for the winter 2005-2006 period. Due to the short collection period remaining this winter period, Northern has elected to only increase the billed residential rate to the level that was billed the first half of the 2005-2006 winter period, to limit the April 2006 monthly bill impact. This will allow Northern to eliminate approximately one half of the anticipated under collection. Northern is increasing the residential COG to \$1.2831 per therm, an increase of \$0.1924 per therm, effective April 1, 2006. This is an increase of 12.6% or \$25 for the average residential customer for the month of April. Commercial and Industrial (C&I) customers will experience a comparable increase to their rates. However, the increase will be slightly less for the Low Winter C&I customers as they previously were at the minimum



rate as specified in the Order issued in DG 05-147 and did not receive the same decrease as the other customers effective February 1, 2006. This rate change is reflected on Twenty-second Revised Page 38 and Twenty-second Revised Page 39. Also enclosed are summary tariff pages Seventeenth Revised Pages 94, 95 and 96.

Please return to me one copy of this filing bearing the Commission's receipt stamp in the envelope enclosed for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

Patricia M. French/sou

Enclosures

cc: Ronald D. Gibbons Joseph A. Ferro