

CLERKS REPORT

DOCKET NO. & NAME: **DG 06-129 Northern Utilities, Inc – NH Division**

DATE: 10/18/06 OPENED AT: 10:40 CLOSED: 12:17 PHC: _____ HEARING: x

PRESIDING OFFICER: Commissioners HEARING EXAMINER: _____

COURT REPORTER: Steve Patnaude CLERK: Diane Bateman

APPEARANCES:

**F. Anne Ross, Esq. for Staff of NH Public Utilities Commission
Seth Shortlidge, Esq. Pierce Atwood for Northern Utilities, Inc.
Patricia French, Esq. for Northern Utilities, was not present however an appearance was made on her behalf
Rorie Hollenberg, Esq. for the Office of Consumer Advocate**

AFFIDAVIT FILED: Yes

INTERVENTION GRANTED:

N/A

NOTES:

A panel of witnesses were sworn in for Northern Utilities at 10:42, Panel 1. They are Francisco DaFonte and Ronald Gibbons.

Witnesses made corrections to their direct testimony.

A break was taken so the Commissioners as well as the Parties could look over Exhibit 2 which contains revisions to the COG filing. The hearing resumed at 11:17.

Seth Shortlidge made a quick procedural point regarding potential questions that Mr. Ferro knows a lot about. Mr. Ferro was then placed in the panel with Mr. Gibbons and Mr. DaFonte.

The revised filing (Exhibit No. 2) does incorporate the capacity reserve charge rate adjustment that will be heard this afternoon in Docket DG 06-033.

A customer has to remain on Northern's tariff for 1 year before they can switch to a competitive supplier and that helps prevent some of the gaming.

The company ended the year last year with a \$2.2 Million under collection.

There is approximately 75% hedged gas and leaving 25 % left to volatile gas pricing.

Surcharge for residential low income ratepayers, participation in not quite what the Company expected it to be.

Environmental costs, what costs are included in this filing 7/1/05 to 6/30/06 are included in this filing. The dollar amount is \$632,461.00. How many sites in NH does this represent? Three NH sites.

Staff put on a panel of witnesses, (Panel 2), Stephen P. Frink and Robert Wyatt.

Staff has reviewed the COG filing and staff wants to go on record to support the filing. A potential problem that Staff spoke about is working capital and interest. There is a potential miss-match and could result in a double recovery of interest. Staff will work with the company as well as the OCA and will report their findings. This issue will be reserved for future discussions.

No objections to strike exhibits and were entered as full exhibits.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE: _____ HEARINGS CONTINUED: _____
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