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## Re: <u>Northern Utilities, Inc. – Revised Proposed Cost of Gas</u> <u>Adjustment for the 2015 Summer Period, May</u> <u>2015 through October 2015; DG 15-090</u>

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed please find an original, one redacted and six (6) confidential copies of Northern Utilities Inc.'s ("Northern" or the "Company") Revised Cost of Gas ("COG") Adjustment Filing for the 2015 Summer Period. The revisions incorporated into this filing are consistent with discussions that Northern had with the Commission Staff at the April 9, 2015 technical session held at the Commission's office.

Included in the filing are clean and red-lined versions of the tariff pages necessary to implement the proposed COG Adjustment rates for the 2015 Summer Period as follows:

Second Revised Page 42 (COG), Fifth Revised Page 43 (COG), Fifth Revised Page 96 (Rate Summary), Fifth Revised Page 97 (Rate Summary), Second Revised Page 98 (Rate Summary).

The revised filing reflects a recalculated COG that includes a revised dispatch of gas supply, the recent refund of PNGTS, lower demand rates on PNGTS and TransCanda PipeLines, and NYMEX futures gas prices as of April 1, 2015. A discussion of revisions is included with this filing and provides a summary of the updates and the impacts of this filing.

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The revised tariff pages provide for a COG for the residential heating class of \$0.3238 per therm. The revised COG rate represents a decrease of \$0.0095 per therm from the initially-filed March 17<sup>th</sup> proposed residential COG rate.

The typical residential heating customer's total bill for the 2015 Summer Period, using 143 therms, will be \$258.76. This is \$37.13 or 12.55 percent lower than the bill for the 2014 Summer Period.

Please note that eighteen (18) pages of the filing contain CONFIDENTIAL data: estimated city-gate costs and volumes (Schedule 2, page 1); peaking demand cost estimates (Schedule 5-A, page 5); asset management agreement revenue (Schedule 5A, page 6); natural gas price forecast by supply area (attachment to Schedule 5, page 1); total and per unit costs by city-gate (Schedule 6A, pages 1 and 3); and detailed city-gate costs by path (Schedule 6B, pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19). The confidential material has been clearly marked on these pages as well as on the cover letter of each confidential copy. The Company submits that this material falls within the provisions of Puc 201.06(a)(26), and it is relying upon the procedures outlined in Puc 201.06 and 201.07 to protect confidentiality.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me or Chris Kahl.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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