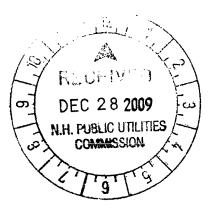
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December 23, 2009

Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

> Re: DG 09-050 D9-162 EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH 2009-10 Winter Period Cost of Gas January 2010 Trigger Page



Dear Ms. Howland:

In accordance with New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Order No. 25,032, dated October 29, 2009 Docket DG 09-162 ("October Order"), EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH herewith files an original and eight copies of its adjusted 2009-10 Winter Cost of Gas rates to be effective January 1, 2010. These adjusted rates require no further Commission action because they are within the minimum and maximum rates set forth in the October Order.

The adjusted cost of gas rates are being filed to reflect an update of the winter period deferred gas cost balance and the projected commodity prices for the remainder of the winter period. The attached estimated cost of gas was calculated using the 15 day average NYMEX settle prices as of December 22, 2009. Accordingly, these adjustments decrease the average cost of gas rate by \$0.0264 per therm. Specifically, the Residential Cost of Gas Rate is decreased from \$0.9239 per therm to \$0.8975 per therm. Similarly, the Commercial/Industrial Low Winter Use Rate is decreased from \$0.9234 per therm to \$0.8970 per therm, and the Commercial/Industrial High Winter Use Rate is decreased from \$0.9241 per therm to \$0.8977 per therm.

The calculation indicates that absent the adjustment there would be an estimated over collection of gas costs as of April 30, 2010 of approximately \$1,370,918 or -1.87%.

Enclosed are the following revised pages to Tariff NHPUC No. 6 - Gas:

Eighth Revised Page 1 Eighth Revised Page 3 Eighth Revised Page 76 Seventh Revised Page 87 Check Sheet Check Sheet (continued) Firm Rate Schedules Calculation of Firm Sales Cost of Gas Rate

This Trigger filing has also been filed electronically with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission in accordance with Order Number 24,223 issued on October 24, 2003.

Please contact me by phone at 781-907-1836 or by e-mail at ann.leary@us.ngrid.com if you have any further questions.

Yours truly, an C. Leary

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