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BY HAND-DELIVERY AND E-MAIL

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St, Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

Re: Northern Utilities, Inc.
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Company"), in accordance with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Section 1604.05, of Unitil's Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules pursuant to RSA Ch. 378. The Company will be seeking an increase in base rates of approximately \$ 3.6 million , or 5.7 percent of total revenue, based on a proforma 2010 Test Year, and a Step Adjustment for 2011 system investments of approximately \$1.4 million, or 2.1 percent of total revenue. The Company also intends to file rate schedules requesting temporary rates, pursuant to RSA 378:27, for implementation during the pendency of the permanent rate relief request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gary Epler
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