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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**RE: Compliance Filing for Rate Case Expense and
Recoupment of the difference between Temporary
and Permanent Rates in Docket No. DG 11-069**

Dear Director Howland:

On behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern"), enclosed is the Company's Compliance filing for Rate Case Expense (RCE) and Recoupment of the difference between Temporary and Permanent Rates (RPC) as directed in Order 25,352 on April 24, 2012 and outlined in the Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced docket.

The Order directed the Company to reconcile these two expense components of the Local Delivery Adjustment Clause (LDAC) on or before July 31, 2013 with actual revenues collected. It also directed the Company to recommend a treatment in this reconciliation of any later adjustments.

The RCE reconciliation includes the period May 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (with interest) on outstanding monthly balances. The result is an under-collection of \$4,281.88. This is presented in Exhibit 2 of this filing. The total amount of the RCE was \$279,627 which includes \$264,594 of costs through February 2012 which were audited by the NHPUC Staff. It also includes \$15,033 of post audit costs from March and April 2012. Attachment 1 of this filing includes the invoices for the post audit costs.

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A number of the individual documents in Attachment 1 contain CONFIDENTIAL information, and it is being submitted in Confidential and Redacted versions. The Company submits that the Confidential material in Attachment 1 falls within the same scope of material for

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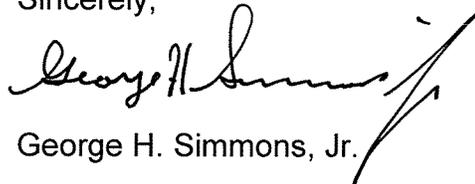
which a Motion for Protective Treatment was filed in this docket on March 16, 2012, (billing information for consultants and attorneys who performed work in the above-captioned docket) and therefore a new motion has not been submitted.

The RPC reconciliation includes the period May 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The result is an under-collection of \$20,668.86. The final recoupment amount was \$773,265.00 which is provided in Exhibit 3 and on line 209, Page 3, of Attachment 2. Attachment 2 is the same workpaper that was submitted by the Company in the April 3, 2012 filing to set this rate, with the months of March, April, and May 2012 updated with actuals.

The Company proposes that the RCE and RPC under-collections and any associated prior period adjustments be aggregated and included in the Environmental Response Costs (ERC) balance for inclusion in its next ERC Rate Filing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this filing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George H. Simmons, Jr.", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

George H. Simmons, Jr.

Enclosure

cc: Service List
Alexander Speidel, Staff Attorney