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

**RE: Compliance Filing for Rate Case Expense and
Recoupment of the difference between Temporary
and Permanent Rates in Docket No. DG 13-086**

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 25,653 on April 21, 2014 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, 2015 with actual revenues collected. It also directed the Company to recommend a treatment in this reconciliation of any later adjustments.

Please see Exhibit 1 for the total over-collection of \$257,113.20. This balance is comprised of an ending balance of \$3,673.85 for the RCE and an ending balance of \$253,439.35 for the RPC.

The RCE reconciliation includes the period May 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 monthly balances. The result is an over-collection of \$3,673.85. This is presented in Exhibit 2 of this filing. The total amount and beginning balance of the RCE was \$303,444 which includes \$276,021 of costs through February 2014 which were audited by the NHPUC Staff. It also includes \$27,423 of post audit costs from March and April 2014. 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 which a Motion for Protective Treatment was filed in this docket, (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, 2014 through June 30, 2015 as well. The result is an over-collection of \$253,439.35. The collected amount was \$1,177,417.35. The final RPC amount is \$923,978. This amount 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 15, 2013 filing to set this rate, except that the months of January, February, March, April, and May 2015 are updated with actuals.

The Company proposes that the RCE and RPC over-collections and any associated prior period adjustments be aggregated, as shown in Exhibit 1, and included in the Environmental Response Costs (ERC) balance for inclusion in the Company's next ERC Rate Filing. This is the same methodology that was approved in Docket No. 13-257.

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

Sincerely,



George H. Simmons, Jr.

Enclosure

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