



March 24, 2016

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

Re: <u>Northern Utilities, Inc., New Hampshire Division - Docket DG 15-393</u> <u>March 2016 Monthly Cost of Gas Report</u>

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 25,836 in Docket DG 15-393, enclosed is Northern Utilities - New Hampshire Division's (the Company) current calculation of its projected over or under collection of gas costs ending April 30, 2016 for the 2015 / 2016 winter season. The Company is also providing a summary of its hedging transactions and monthly inventory interest calculation, both updated through February 2016.

The calculation, which reflects the Company's revised actual November 1, 2015 balance and gas futures prices as of March 21, 2016, produces an anticipated under-recovery for the 2015 / 2016 winter period. As a result, Northern is increasing its projected cost of gas by \$450,000, or 2.57%.

Accordingly, pursuant to its tariff, the Company has enclosed for filing the following Tariff Pages reflecting an increase in its Cost of Gas ("COG") Adjustment Rates:

Tenth Revised Page 43, Tenth Revised Page 96, Tenth Revised Page 97.

These Tariff Pages are issued March 24, 2016, to be effective for usage on and after April 1, 2016. Red-line versions of these Tariff Pages are also enclosed.

The impact of the April 1 change in the Cost of Gas Adjustment Rate on the typical residential heating customer for the 2015 / 2016 winter season will be \$12.00 or 1.3 percent more than the winter period bill at the Company's current Cost of Gas Adjustment Rate.

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If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me or Chris Kahl at (603)773-6425.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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