

March 25, 2024

BY E-MAIL

Daniel Goldner, Chair New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: <u>Docket No. DG 20-142</u>: Northern Utilities, Inc. Annual Meter Test Cost Report

Chairman Goldner:

As required by the May 7, 2021, Secretarial Letter in the above-referenced docket granting Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) request for a waiver of N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 505.07(a), enclosed is the Company's annual report of gas meter testing costs.

Please note that the Company's request for a waiver, as well as the Commission Staff's recommendation regarding the requested waiver and the May 7, 2021 Secretarial Letter, predated the creation of the Department of Energy in July 2021. It is the Company's understanding that the Commission Staff members responsible for drafting the recommendation transferred to the Department of Energy. Moreover, "[e]xisting rules, orders, and approvals of the [Commission] which are associated with any functions, power, and duties, transferred to the department of energy pursuant to RSA 12-P:11 or any other statutory provision, shall continue in effect and be enforced by the commissioner of the department of energy." RSA 12-P:14. As such, the Company has copied the Department of Energy on this filing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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