

May 10, 2022

## **BY E-MAIL**

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

Re: DG 21-131, Northern Utilities, Inc.

May 2022 Monthly Cost of Gas Report and Motion for Amendment to Cost of Gas Rate

## Dear Chair Goldner:

Pursuant to Order No. 26,539 (October 29, 2021) in Docket No. DG 21-131, enclosed is Northern Utilities - New Hampshire Division's ("Northern" or the "Company") current calculation of its projected over or under-collection of gas costs and amended cost of gas ("COG") rate filing for the 2021-2022 summer season.

The current calculation for the 2022 summer season, which reflects NYMEX futures prices as of May 9, 2022, produces an anticipated material under-recovery of gas costs. As indicated in Northern's April 2022 Monthly Report, COG rates have been increased by their maximum level of 25 percent as authorized by the Commission in Order No. 26,539. Therefore, due to the persistently high prices and to address the material under-collection, in this filing Northern is requesting that the Commission authorize an additional increase the COG rate above the level allowed by Order No. 26,539. This proposed increase is solely due to continuing increases in NYMEX natural gas prices. Northern is proposing to increase its summer period cost COG rates to reflect an increase in the projected cost of gas of \$1,935,343.

Accordingly, pursuant to its tariff, the Company has enclosed for filing the following Tariff Pages reflecting an increase in its COG Rates:

Supplement No. 1, Fifth Revised Page 2, Supplement No. 1, Fifth Revised Page 3, Thirteenth Revised Page 43.

These Tariff Pages are issued May 9, 2022 to be effective on June 1, 2022. Red-line versions of these Tariff Pages are also enclosed.

Support for this rate increase is provided in the supplemental testimony of Christopher Kahl and accompanying attachments. The impact of the proposed June 1 change in COG rates on the typical residential heating customer for the 2021-2022 summer season will be an increase of \$22.82 or 7.2 percent more than the summer period bill at the Company's current COG rate.

Also, please add Matthew Fossum, <u>fossumm@unitil.com</u>, to the service list for this docket.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Fossum Senior Counsel

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