

## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

May 31, 2023

Daniel Goldner, Chair New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

## Re: <u>Northern Utilities, Inc. DG 22-046 – Gas Assistance Program Report for the Winter 20-</u> 2022-2023 Period Ending April 30, 2023

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or the "Company"), in compliance with Order No. 26-662, Docket No. DG 20-013, is the Gas Assistance Program ("GAP") Annual Report for the winter 2022-2023 period ended April 30, 2023.

Attachment 1 provides the results of GAP expenditures for the winter 2022-2023 period and calculation of the one percent limits for gross revenue and average customer bills. As shown, Northern did not exceed the one percent limit in either instance.

Northern does not have direct interaction with the federal fuel assistance program. Northern receives lists of eligible customers and the associated benefit from the Community Action Agencies operating in its service territory. The Company conducts outreach efforts to inform customers of the program, how to apply for assistance and reminders to previously enrolled customers regarding application deadlines.

Northern does not have any recommendations regarding changes to the GAP program at this time. Participation in the GAP program increased during the 2022-2023 winter period relative to the 2021-2022 winter period, indicating that outreach efforts are successful. Northern's program operates under the one percent limits indicating that the program not only provides assistance to eligible customers but does so without undue burden on customers not participating in the program.

Please contact our office with questions regarding this report or if you require any further information.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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