

NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.
NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION
NOVEMBER 2022/OCTOBER 2023 ANNUAL COST OF GAS
ADJUSTMENT FILING
PREFILED SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE TESTIMONY OF
S. ELENA DEMERIS

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. My name is S. Elena Demeris. My business address is 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton,
4 New Hampshire.

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6 **Q. For whom do you work and in what capacity?**

7 A. I am a Senior Regulatory Analyst for Unitil Service Corp. (“Unitil Service”), a subsidiary
8 of Unitil Corporation that provides managerial, financial, regulatory and engineering
9 services to Unitil Corporation’s principal subsidiaries Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light
10 Company, d/b/a Unitil (“FG&E”), Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (“Granite”),
11 Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil (“Northern”), and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
12 (“UES”) (together “Unitil”). In this capacity I am responsible for preparing regulatory
13 filings, pricing research, regulatory analysis, tariff administration, revenue requirements
14 calculations, customer research, and other analytical services.

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16 **Q. Please summarize your professional and educational background.**

17 A. In 1996, I graduated from the University of Massachusetts - Lowell with a Bachelor’s of
18 Science Degree in Civil Engineering. In 2005, I earned a Master’s Degree in Business
19 Administration and in 2006 a Master’s Degree in Finance from Southern New Hampshire
20 University. I joined Unitil in July 1998 in the regulatory/rate department.

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1 **Q. Please explain why you are providing a second supplement to your testimony in this**
2 **proceeding?**

3 A. Due to additional invoices and adjustments to the total Rate Case Expenses I am revising
4 the calculation of the Rate Case Expense (“RCE”) included in the Local Delivery
5 Adjustment Charges (“LDAC”) for effect November 1, 2022. In addition to the revised
6 RCE, this revision includes updated bill impacts and tariff pages for effect November 1,
7 2022.

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9 **Q. What are the Company’s revised LDAC surcharges?**

10 A. The revised LDAC is \$0.1850 per therm for the Residential Class and \$0.0493 per therm
11 for the Commercial/Industrial (C&I) Class effective November 1, 2022 through October
12 31, 2023. The proposed rates are included on the Ninth Revised Tariff Page 62,
13 superseding the Eighth Revised Tariff Page 62. The table below summarizes the rate
14 changes proposed in this filing. Residential customers will see an increase of \$0.1034 in
15 LDAC charges, driven primarily by the RPC. C&I customers will see a decrease in
16 LDAC charges of \$0.0011, the C&I specific RPC is offset by PTAM and RAAM
17 decreases.

Charge	Current \$/therm	Proposed \$/therm	Difference
GAP	\$0.0033	\$0.0037	\$0.0004
LRR – Residential	\$0.0066	\$0.0000	(\$0.0066)
ERC	\$0.0056	\$0.0058	\$0.0002
RCE	\$0.0000	\$0.0048	\$0.0048
RPC – Residential	\$0.0000	\$0.1206	\$0.1206
PTAM	\$0.0135	\$0.0000	(\$0.0135)
RAAM	\$0.0027	\$0.0002	(\$0.0025)
Total Difference Residential	\$0.0317	\$0.1351	\$0.1034

Charge	Current \$/therm	Proposed \$/therm	Difference
GAP	\$0.0033	\$0.0037	\$0.0004
LRR – C&I	\$0.0006	\$0.0000	(\$0.0006)
ERC	\$0.0056	\$0.0058	\$0.0002
RCE	\$0.0000	\$0.0048	\$0.0048
RPC – C&I	\$0.0000	\$0.0101	\$0.0101
PTAM	\$0.0135	\$0.0000	(\$0.0135)
RAAM	<u>\$0.0027</u>	<u>\$0.0002</u>	(\$0.0025)
Total Difference C&I	\$0.0257	\$0.0246	(\$0.0011)

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2 **Q. Please explain the revised calculation of the proposed RCE rate.**

3 **A.** Revised Attachment NUI-SED-1 RCE provides the updated calculation of the RCE. The
 4 Company is also submitting an update to the total rate case expenses in Docket No. DG
 5 21-104. Revised Attachment NUI-SED-1 RCE, line 1, reflects the total rate case
 6 expenses including an adjustment identified in the audit of total rate case expense and
 7 two additional invoices that were received subsequent to the Company’s September 16th
 8 filing. That amount, divided by forecasted sales for the November 2022 – October 2023
 9 period, results in a per therm RCE of \$0.0048. This is an increase of \$0.0005 from the
 10 rate proposed on September 16th.

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12 **Q. Have you prepared typical bill analyses showing the impacts of the proposed COG
 13 and revised LDAC rate changes for effect on November 1, 2022 for typical
 14 Residential heating customers over the upcoming Winter Season?**

15 **A.** Yes, Second Revised Attachment NUI-SED-3, page 1 provides the analyses including
 16 revisions submitted September 23. It shows that a typical Residential heating customer
 17 consuming 582 therms during the 2022/2023 Winter Season can expect a bill of

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1 \$1,438.02. This is an increase of \$256.76, or 21.7% compared to the 2021/2022 Winter
2 Season bill with the same consumption.

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4 **Q. Have you prepared typical bill analyses showing the impacts of the proposed COG**
5 **and revised LDAC for effect on May 1, 2023 for typical Residential heating gas**
6 **customers over the next Summer Season?**

7 A. Yes, Second Revised Attachment NUI-SED-3, page 6 provides this analysis including
8 revisions filed on September 23. It shows that a typical residential heating customer
9 consuming 124 therms during the 2023 Summer Season can expect a bill of \$356.27.

10 This is an increase of \$8.80, or 2.53% compared to the 2022 Summer Season bill with the
11 same consumption.

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13 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

14 A. Yes, it does.