

Northern Utilities, Inc.
DG 22-059
Winter 2022-2023 and Summer 2023 Cost of Gas, Department of Energy (DOE)
Data Request Set 1

Request No. DOE 1-9:

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The Commission has expressed interest in possibly separating LDAC and COG (supply) calculations. What is the Company's view of this proposal, as compared to current practices?

Response:

From Northern's perspective, it makes sense for the COG and LDAC filing to continue to be part of the same filing and docket. Besides the administrative efficiencies of having a single docket with a single procedural schedule and single hearing, there are components of the LDAC like the Gas Assistance Program ("GAP") rate that rely on the proposed COG rate for forecasting the GAP cost to be recovered. Additionally by filing the COG and LDAC in the same filing it allows for one set of bill impacts to be presented that capture all of the changes occurring on the rate effective date.

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