

**BEFORE THE STATE OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Northern Utilities, Inc.
DG 23-_____**

**Petition for Approval of Revenue Decoupling
Adjustment Factor**

Pursuant to Order No. 26,650 (DG 21-104) and NHPUC No. 12 – Gas First Revised Pages 163-168, Northern Utilities, Inc. (“Northern” or “the Company”) presents to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) for approval its proposed Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor for effect November 1, 2023. Specifically, Northern respectfully requests approval of the following Tariff Sheet:

Original Page No. 169 (RDAC).

The above listed Tariff Sheet is issued September 15, 2023 by Daniel Hurstak, Vice President and Treasurer, to be effective November 1, 2023.

In support of its petition, Northern submits the prefiled testimony of S. Elena Demeris, Senior Regulator Analyst for Unitil Service. In further support of its petition, Northern respectfully states:

1. On July 20, 2022, the Commission approved a Settlement Agreement among Northern, the Department of Energy, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate providing for the implementation of a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism. *Northern Utilities, Inc.*, Order No. 26,650 at 4-6, 13-14, 21 (July 20, 2022). The Company’s revenue decoupling adjustment factor (“RDAF”) is designed to collect the difference between the actual and authorized Revenue Per Customer by rate class. Total variances by customer class group and carrying costs form the basis for the revenue decoupling adjustment by customer group and the calculation of the RDAF. *Id.* at 4-5.

2. The Company must file its RDAF forty-five (45) days in advance of November 1. *Id.* at 5; NHPUC No. 12 – Gas First Revised Page 165

3. The proposed Peak (November 1 – April 30) and Off-peak (May 1 – October 31) RDAFs for the Residential Heating, Residential Non-Heating, General Service High Load Factor and General Service Low Load Factor classes are set forth in the table below:

Class	Peak \$/therm	Off-peak \$/therm
Residential Heat	\$0.0434	\$0.1071
Residential Non-Heat	\$0.0588	\$0.0933
General Service HLF	(\$0.0112)	(\$0.0035)
General Service LLF	\$0.0169	\$0.0008

4. The proposed rates represent an increase to Residential Heating customers of \$21.17 or 1.82% over the winter period and \$11.89 or 3.99% over the summer period.

5. The Company's proposed RDAF is just and reasonable.

For all of the reasons stated in this Petition and the accompanying Testimony and Schedules, Northern respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Find that the Company's proposed RDAF is just and reasonable; and
- B. Approve the proposed rates for the peak and off-peak period; and
- C. Grant such other approvals and relief as may be just, necessary and appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of September, 2023.

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