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October 15, 2007

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301



Re: Proof of Publication – Docket No. DG 07-102

Dear Ms. Howland:

In accordance with the Order of Notice issued on September 19, 2007, in Docket DG 07-102, enclosed please find Northern's Affidavit of Publication and the tear sheet from the Union Leader.

The Notice appeared in the NH Union Leader on September 25, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-836-7274.

Sincerely,

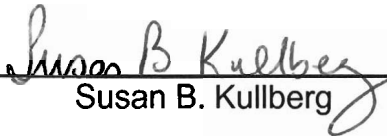
Susan B. Kullberg
Regulatory & Tariff Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Patricia M. French, Esq.

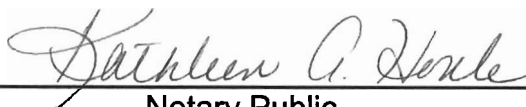
Affidavit of Publication

I, Susan B. Kullberg, Regulatory & Tariff Administrator, hereby certify that publication of the Order of Notice issued in Docket DG 07-102, has been made and given as directed in the Commission's Order issued on September 19, 2007.



Susan B. Kullberg

On this 15th day of October, 2007, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Susan B. Kullberg, whose identity is personally known to me and is the person whose name is signed on this document, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of her knowledge and belief.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Jan. 29, 2010

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DG 07-102

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 17, 2007, Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) filed with the Commission its cost of gas (COG) rates for the period November 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008, its local delivery adjustment clause (LDAC) charges and certain supplier charges for the period November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008. Included in the filing were revised tariff pages and supporting materials for the changed rates and charges. Separately, Northern filed environmental response cost information in support of its LDAC charges.

The proposed residential COG rate is \$1.0480 per therm, a \$0.3082 per therm decrease from the weighted residential COG rate of \$1.3562 per therm for last winter. The estimated impact of the proposed sales COG and revised LDAC rate on a typical residential heating customer's winter

is a decrease of approximately \$290, or 18%, from last winter's rates. The proposed commercial/industrial low winter use COG is \$9.9530 per therm and the proposed commercial/industrial high winter use COG is \$1.1208 per therm.

A variety of rates and charges comprise the LDAC charges applicable to the different customer classes. The proposed surcharge to recover expenses and lost revenues related to the low income assistance pilot program is \$0.0050 per therm, identical to the current rate. The proposed surcharge to recover environmental remediation costs is \$0.0055 per therm, a decrease of \$0.0028 per therm from the current environmental surcharge. The proposed conservation charge for residential customers is \$0.0122 per therm, a decrease of \$0.0006 per therm from the current rate. The proposed conservation charge for commercial and industrial customers is \$0.0066 per therm, a decrease of \$0.0035 per therm from the current rate.

Northern is updating its supplier balancing charges, the charges that suppliers are required to pay Northern for balancing services as Northern attempts to meet the shifting loads for the supplier's customer pools. The proposed balancing charge of \$0.80 per MMBtu of daily imbalance volumes is an increase of \$0.02 per MMBtu from the current rate. In addition, the proposed peaking demand charge of \$17.27 per MMBtu of peak maximum daily quantity (MDQ) is a decrease of \$1.70 per MMBtu from the current rate. The changes are based on an update of the volumes and costs used in calculating the charges. The proposed capacity allocator percentages used to allocate pipeline, storage and local peaking capacity to a customer's supplier under New Hampshire's mandatory capacity assignment, required for firm transportation service, have also been updated to reflect Northern's supply portfolio for the upcoming year. The proposed re-entry fee for capacity exempt (grandfathered) transportation customers that choose to revert back to firm sales service is \$5.570 per MMBtu, an increase of \$0.619 per MMBtu from the current rate of \$4.951 per MMBtu.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA 378 relative to the justness and reasonableness of rates, forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, purchasing decisions related to the current and past winter supplies and capacity, revenue projections related to transportation services and released capacity, cost allocations between the New Hampshire and Maine divisions, the causes and treatment of any over and under recoveries, the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues, and the prudence of environmental remediation costs for which recovery is being sought and has not been previously approved by the Commission. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby **ORDERED**, that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 16, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Northern, Staff of the Commission and any intervenors hold a technical session at the Commission on October 2, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Northern shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 25, 2007, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 16, 2007; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a petition to intervene with copies sent to Northern and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 11, 2007, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32.(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before October 16, 2007.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this nineteenth day of September, 2007.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary

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(UL - Sept. 25)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Commission's decision in the matter of Northern Utilities, Inc. and/or New Hampshire Gas Service Company, Inc. as filed with the Commission on September 17, 2007, and that the same is being published in the following manner:

(Signed)

in the following manner:

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D. Landry

CLAUDETTE T. MITCHELL, Notary Public

State of New Hampshire,
Hillsborough, SS.

(Dated)

Sept 25, 2007

Subscribed and sworn to by the said THERESE M. LANDRY.

Before me,

Claudette T. Mitchell

CLAUDETTE T. MITCHELL, Notary Public
My Commission Expires April 12, 2011

Notary Public

the U.S. space laboratory Skylab 2
in the Pacific

OUR TEACHERS HAD TO BE OUT OF
THE CLASSROOM FOR A WHILE, AND
WE PUT ME IN POWER.

I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was published in The Union
Leader and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at
Manchester, N.H., by the Union Leader Corporation on the following
dates, Viz: Sept 25, 2007

(Signed) Therese M. Landry

UNION LEADER CORPORATION

State of New Hampshire,
Hillsborough, SS.

(Dated) Sept 25, 2007

Subscribed and sworn to by the said THERESE M. LANDRY.

Before me,

Claudette T. Mitchell

CLAUDETTE T. MITCHELL, Notary Public
My Commission Expires April 14, 2011

Notary Public