



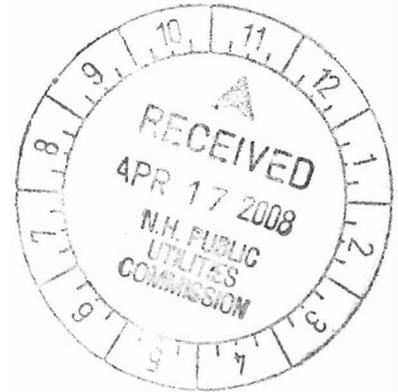
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April 16, 2008

VIA OVERNIGHT 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 08-041



Dear Ms. Howland:

In accordance with the Order of Notice issued on March 19, 2008, in Docket DG 08-041, 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 March 22, 2008.

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

Sincerely,

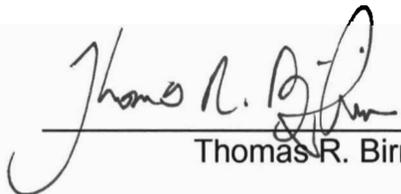
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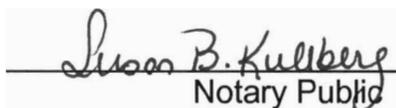
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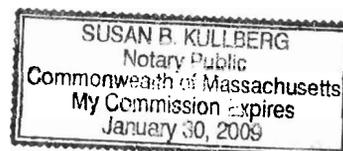
## Affidavit of Notice and Publication

I, Thomas R. Birmingham, Manager Regulatory Policy, hereby certify that notice and publication of the Order of Notice, issued on March 19, 2008, has been made and given as directed.

  
Thomas R. Birmingham

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Thomas R Birmingham, 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: January 30, 2009



# Legal Notice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DG 08-041

## ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 14, 2008, Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) filed with the Commission its Cost of Gas (COG) rates for the period May 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 (2008 Summer Season). Included in the filing were revised tariff pages and supporting materials for the changed rates.

The proposed residential COG rate is \$1.1096 per therm, a \$0.2812 per therm increase from the weighted residential COG rate of \$0.8284 per therm for last summer. The estimated impact of the proposed firm sales COG and current LDAC rate on a typical residential heating customer's summer bill is an increase of approximately \$87, or 19%, compared to last summer. The current (winter) residential COG rate is \$1.0610 per therm and comparing the November 2006 through October 2007 gas cost of \$2,109 to the November 2007 through October 2008 actual and projected gas cost of \$1,915 for a typical residential heating, there is an overall decrease in annual costs of \$194, or 9%.

The proposed commercial/industrial low winter use COG is \$1.0887 per therm and the proposed commercial/industrial high winter use COG is \$1.1667 per therm. The rate increase for the commercial/industrial customers over the comparable 2007 Summer Season and current (winter) rates is commensurate with the residential COG rate increase.

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 summer supplies and 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, what constitutes unaccounted for gas volumes and what is a reasonable level of unaccounted for gas volumes, and rate impacts. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 16, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Northern, Staff of the Commission and any intervenors hold a technical session at the Commission on April 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to NH 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 March 23, 2008, 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 April 16, 2008; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Northern and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 11, 2008, 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. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,1(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before April 16, 2008.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this nineteenth day of March, 2008.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director & Secretary

Individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication aids due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, NHPUC, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429; 603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.  
(UL - March 22)

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: ..... 3/22/08 .....

(Signed) *Phyllis Gilbert* .....

UNION LEADER CORPORATION

State of New Hampshire,  
Hillsborough, SS

(Dated)..... 3/25/08 .....



Subscribed and sworn to by the said... *Phyllis Gilbert*

Before me  
*Marsha A. McGinnis*

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Notary Public

State of New Hampshire  
My Commission Expires 04/19/2011



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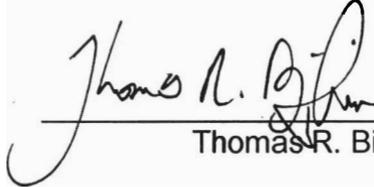
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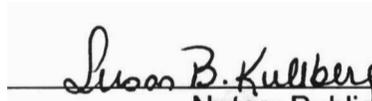
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