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## Inter-Department Communication

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**SUBJECT:** DG 09-038  
New Hampshire Gas Corporation  
Rate Case Expenses – Revised Recommendation

**TO:** Commissioners  
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### BACKGROUND

On May 19, 2009, Staff filed a memo with the Commission recommending New Hampshire Gas Corporation (NHGC or Company) be allowed to recover \$28,373 of rate case expenses relating to the institution of new base rates in the above-captioned proceeding. The memo also recommended that the Company contact Staff if it had any questions regarding Staff's review and recommendations on recoverable rate case expenses and, barring a written objection by the Company within 30 days, that the Commission issue an order approving recovery of \$28,373 of rate case expenses.

Following the filing of Staff's recommendation, NHGC and Staff have discussed the allocation of legal expenses between the rate case and cost of gas proceedings and have reached an agreement regarding the appropriate amount to be recovered as rate case expenses. As a result of those discussions, the Company and Staff agree that legal expenses of \$30,350 are recoverable rate case expenses, rather than the \$28,205 in legal expenses recommended by Staff on May 19. No other amounts have changed. The total recoverable rate case expenses are as follows:

Legal Expenses	\$30,350
UPS	\$69
LNG Report	\$600
Less: Audit Related Expenses	<\$500>
Total Recoverable Expenses	\$30,519

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

NHGC should be allowed to recover \$30,519 of rate case expenses, \$4,027 less than what NHGC had originally identified as recoverable rate case expenses.

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