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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND HAND DELIVERY

March 15, 2010

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301



Re: **Northern Utilities, Inc. -- Proposed Cost of Gas Adjustment for the 2010 Summer Period, May 2010 through October 2010; DG 10-**

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and seven (7) copies of Northern Utilities Inc.'s ("Northern" or the "Company") Cost of Gas Adjustment Filing for the 2010 Summer Period.

Included in the filing are clean and red-lined versions of the tariff pages necessary to implement the proposed Cost of Gas Adjustment rates for the 2010 Summer Period as follows:

Forty-sixth Revised Page 38,
Forty-seventh Revised Page 39,
Forty-second Revised Pages 94 and 95, and
Thirty-ninth Revised Page 96.

The filing also includes the pre-filed direct testimony of the Company's witnesses – James D. Simpson, Vice President for Concentric Energy Advisors, Francis X. Wells, Senior Energy Trader for Unitil Service Corp., and Todd M. Bohan, Sr. Regulatory Analyst for Unitil Service Corp.

As this filing indicates, the Residential Cost of Gas Adjustment ("CGA") for the 2010 Summer Period is projected to be \$0.0817 per therm lower than the average CGA for the 2009 Summer period. The typical residential heating customer's bill for the 2010 Summer Period will be \$24.62 or 5.6 percent lower than the bill for the 2009 Summer Period. The 2010 Summer period CGA for Low Winter Use Commercial and Industrial customers will decrease by \$0.0497 per therm, and decrease by \$0.1407 per therm for High Winter Use Commercial and Industrial customers, both as compared to the 2009 Summer Period.

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The enclosed 2010 Summer period filing has been completely reorganized from the presentations used in previous CGA filings. This is the result of an on-going collaboration between Staff and the Company initiated to modify Northern's CGA filings to better facilitate the parties' review.

Please be advised that Susan Geiger, Esq. of Orr & Reno has been engaged to represent Northern in this proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me or Susan Geiger.

Very truly yours,



Frederick J. Stewart

Enclosures

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New Hampshire Division

2010 SUMMER PERIOD PROPOSED COST OF GAS ADJUSTMENT

TO BE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2010

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