



March 31, 2011

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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2425

Re: DG 11-045 Affidavit of Publication

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Order of Notice issued by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission on March 22, 2011, in the above-referenced docket, enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc.

Sincerely,

Gary Epler
Attorney for Northern Utilities, Inc.

Enclosure

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Northern Utilities, Inc.
2011 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment

DG 11-045

AFFIDAVIT

Gary M. Epler, having been duly sworn, states under oath as follows:

I certify that publication of the Order of Notice in Docket DG 11-045, issued on March 22, 2011, has been made as therein directed, and that it was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on March 25, 2011.

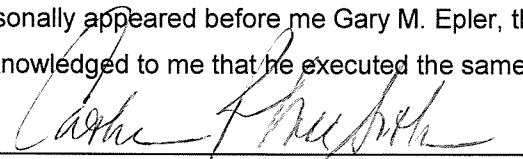
DATED this 31st day of March, 2011.



Gary M. Epler

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE)
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COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM)

On this 31st day of March, 2011, personally appeared before me Gary M. Epler, the signer of the above instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.



Catherine MacArthur, Notary Public
Residing in Strafford County
My Commission Expires: March 8, 2012

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I hereby certify that the legal notice of NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.,
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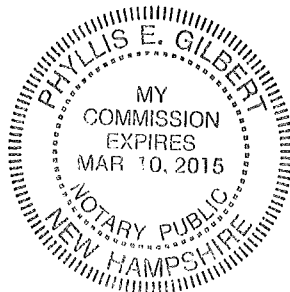
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State of New Hampshire
Hillsborough County
Subscribed and sworn to before me this

28th day of March, 2011

Phyllis E. Gilbert

Notary Public



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMI

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DG 11-045 NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC. 2011 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment ORDER OF NOTICE On March 15, 2011, Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the summer period, May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011. Included in the filing were revised tariff pages, and supporting materials for the changed rates. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docket/2011/11-045.htm>. The proposed residential COG rate is \$0.6354 per therm, a \$0.0491 per therm decrease from the weighted residential COG rate of \$0.6845 per therm for last summer. The proposed changes to Northern's residential COG rate and current local delivery adjustment clause rate are expected to decrease a typical residential heating customer's summer bill by approximately \$11, or 2.6 percent, compared to last summer. The proposed commercial/industrial low winter use COG rate is \$0.5697 per therm and the proposed commercial/industrial high winter use COG rate is \$0.6878 per therm. The rate decrease for the commercial/industrial customers from the comparable rates for last summer is commensurate with the residential COG rate decrease. 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, calculation of indirect gas costs, purchasing decisions related to the current and past summer supplies and capacity, revenue projections related to transportation services and released capacity, the causes and treatment of over and under recoveries, and the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's 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 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that Northern, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session at the Commission on April 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.; and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code 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 26, 2011, 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 19, 2011; and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 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 April 13, 2011, 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. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32, I(b); and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before April 19, 2011. By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-second day of March, 2011. Debra A. Howland Executive Director 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 25) 03/22/11 - 2 - DG 11-045 03/22/11

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