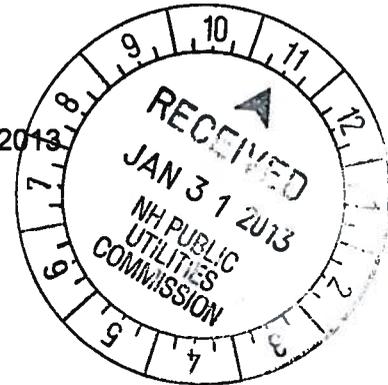




January 29, 2013



Debra Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: Northern Utilities, Inc. – DG 05-076 - Residential Low Income Assistance Program Quarterly Report for the Period ending December 31, 2012

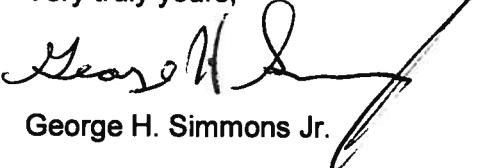
Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. is the Residential Low Income Assistance and Regulatory Assessment ("RLIARA") Quarterly Report for the period ended December 31, 2012. This report is being submitted in compliance with Commission Order No. 24,508 in docket DG 05-076, dated September 1, 2005.<sup>1</sup> May 1, 2012 is the first month that this report includes the non-distribution portion of the annual NHPUC regulatory assessment rate per NHPUC Order No. 25,352 in Docket No. DG 11-069, dated April 24, 2012.

The Report includes two Attachments: Attachment A shows the actual RLIARA data for the twelve-month period ending October 31, 2012; and Attachment B includes both actual and projected RLIARA data for the twelve-month period ending October 31, 2013. Northern has maintained two attachments for this fourth quarter report to reflect the differences between rate and program design changes occurring on a twelve month basis ending in October and a calendar reporting basis ending in December.

If you have any questions regarding these reports or if you require any further information, please contact Joe Conneely at 603-773-6472 or me.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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<sup>1</sup> On September 22, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 24,669 in docket DG 06-120, approving the continuation and modification of the program.