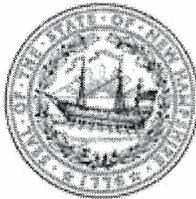


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RE: DG 12-273 Northern Utilities, Inc.
Winter 2012-2013 Cost of Gas

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the Inter-agency Memorandum of Understanding dated April 28, 2000 between the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and the Commission, the OCA hereby notifies the Commission that it will be participating in the above-referenced matter on behalf of residential ratepayers consistent with RSA 363:28.

Please add Rorie Hollenberg, Donna McFarland and oca.litigation@oca.nh.gov to your service list. Please also include the OCA on the distribution list for any Memoranda or Staff Recommendations filed in this docket. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Chamberlin".

Susan W. Chamberlin
Consumer Advocate

cc: Service List via electronic mail