



DG13-083

## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

March 15, 2013

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 2013 Summer Period, May 2013 through October 2013: DG 13-

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six (6) copies of Northern Utilities Inc.'s ("Northern" or the "Company") Cost of Gas Adjustment Filing for the 2013 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 2013 Summer Period as follows:

Fifty-second Revised Page 38, Seventieth Revised Page 39, Eighteenth Revised Page 56, Sixtieth Revised Page 94, Sixtieth Revised Page 95, Forty-fourth Revised Page 96.

The filing also includes the pre-filed direct testimony of the Company's witnesses – Christopher A. Kahl, Sr. Regulatory Analyst for Unitil Service Corp., Francis X. Wells, Manager of Energy Contracts for Unitil Service Corp., and Joseph F. Conneely, Sr. Regulatory Analyst for Unitil Service Corp.

As this filing indicates, the Residential Cost of Gas Adjustment ("CGA") for the 2013 Summer Period is projected to be \$0.1444 per therm higher than the average CGA for the 2012 Summer Period. The typical residential heating customer's bill for the 2013 Summer Period will be \$43.02 or 11.51 percent higher than the bill for the 2012 Summer Period.

Please note that eight (8) pages of the filing contain CONFIDENTIAL data: peaking demand cost estimates (Schedule 5-A, p. 5 of 6); asset management agreement revenue (Schedule 5A, p. 6 of 6); peaking supply demand costs (Attachment to Schedule 5A, p. 4 of 44); liquified natural gas ("LNG") transportation/delivery terms and conditions (Attachment to Schedule

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5A, p. 44 of 44);LNG trucking/transportation costs (Attachment to Schedule 5A, pp. 13-15 of 44); and the projected value of asset management agreements (Schedule 5B, p. 5 of 7). The Confidential material has been segregated into separate sealed envelops included with the filing. The Company submits that this material falls within the provisions of Puc 201.06(a)(26), and it is relying upon the procedures outlined in Puc 201.06 and 201.07 to protect confidentiality.

Please be advised that Susan Geiger, Esq. of Orr & Reno has been engaged to appear on behalf Northern in this proceeding. Accordingly, please add her to all service lists for this proceeding.

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

Very truly yours,

George H. Simmons Jr.

**Enclosures** 

CC: Alexander Speidel, Staff Counsel (with confidential material)
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(with confidential material)
Susan Geiger, Orr & Reno (with confidential material)