

but also creates downward price risk since if prices fall, Northern does not receive the lower prices for the hedged volumes. In contrast, purchasing options would provide protection against very large increases in price while allowing the Company to receive lower prices when prices fall. In addition, the Company proposes to discontinue hedging the months of April, May and October.

The Company proposes a transition plan, described in the proposal, whereby it would continue to implement transactions under the current program design, as approved in DG 09-141 until the Commission rules on this petition directing the Company to adopt changes to the current design. Further, the Company proposes to liquidate any futures purchases for the period of 2014-15 within a month after Commission approval is received and to purchase options contracts needed to make up any purchases that were missed for the 2014-15 period prior to approval. These purchases would also be made within one month of Commission approval.

Description of Exhibits

Attached to this Petition are the following Exhibits:

- Exhibit RSF-1:** Northern Utilities, Inc., Proposed Changes to Hedging Program and attached exhibit.
Exhibit RSF-2: Affidavit of Robert S. Furino

Request for Approvals

Northern respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order containing the following approvals:

1. Approve Northern's implementation of the proposed changes to the financial hedging program described herein and in the attached proposal;
2. Approve Northern's transition plan as described herein and in the attached proposal.

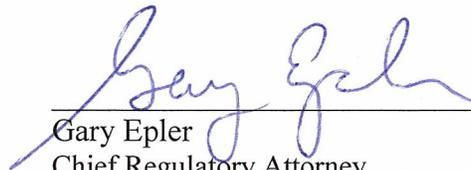
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Northern requests that the Commission approve the proposed change to the financial hedging program.

Respectfully submitted,

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