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Debra Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Northern Utilities, Inc., New Hampshire Division - Docket DG 16-309

June 2016 Monthly Cost of Gas Report

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 25,891 in Docket DG 16-309, enclosed is Northern Utilities - New Hampshire Division's ("Northern" or the "Company") current calculation of its projected over or under collection of gas costs ending October 31, 2016 for the 2016 summer season. The Company is also providing a summary of its hedging transactions and monthly inventory interest calculation, both updated through May 2016.

The calculation, which reflects the Company's actual May 1, 2016 balance and gas futures prices as of June 20, 2016 produces an anticipated under-recovery for the 2016 summer period. As a result, Northern is increasing it projected cost of gas by \$310,000 or 8.6% for the 2016 summer season.

Accordingly, pursuant to its tariff, the Company has enclosed for filing the following Tariff Pages reflecting an increase in its Cost of Gas Adjustment Rates:

Thirteenth Revised Page 43, Thirteenth Revised Page 96, Thirteenth Revised Page 97.

These Tariff Pages are issued June 23, 2016, to be effective for usage on and after July 1, 2016. Red-line versions of these Tariff Pages are also enclosed.

The impact of the July 1 change in the Cost of Gas Adjustment Rate on the typical residential heating customer for the 2016 summer season will be \$3.37 or 1.29 percent more than the summer period bill at the Company's current Cost of Gas Adjustment Rate.

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If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me or Chris Kahl at (603)773-6425.

Very truly yours,

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**Enclosures** 

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