



Northern Utilities, Inc.
Docket No. DG 18-094
Petition for Authority to Operate as a Public Utility
in the Town of Epping
Record Request 1 - 1

Received: January 8, 2019

Date of Response: January 17, 2019

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Witness: Christopher LeBlanc

Request:

Did the cost of the Company's Brentwood expansion project exceed the Company's 15% over-budget threshold for additional explanation and approval?

Response:

Yes. Pursuant to Unitil's Construction Authorization Policy, the Company requires that a supplemental authorization be prepared when the cost of a project exceeds the original authorized amount by 15% and \$5,000. The actual Brentwood expansion cost was 15% over the initially estimated cost. The overage was directly attributable to unanticipated changes in New Hampshire Department of Transportation requirements as the Company went through the formal permitting process for the project. Specifically, the Department denied the Company's permit to install facilities on Route 101, which was a change from the initial meetings with Department engineers during the planning phases of the project. This resulted in the Company installing facilities along Route 27, necessitating additional crossings by horizontal directional drilling and by bridge.