

DG 07-102



July 28, 2008

Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
State of New Hampshire
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St.
Concord, NH 03301



**Re: Northern Utilities, Inc. – New Hampshire Division, 2007-2008 Winter Period
Cost of Gas (COG) Adjustment Reconciliation**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Attached are an original and eight copies of Northern Utilities' 2007-2008 Winter Period COG reconciliation analysis. The objective of this analysis is to identify the causes of the Winter Period 2007-2008 over-collection.

Form III, Schedules 1 through 5 of the filing, attached, contain the accounting of six months of costs assigned to the winter period, along with the monthly gas cost collections. The schedules illustrate the Company's over-collection of \$688,600. Schedule 1, page 1, provides the summary of the winter period ending balance. Schedule 2 shows the deferred gas cost activity, allowable costs and revenues for the period May 2007 through May 2008, including \$80,100 in net interest. Schedule 3, page 1, shows the summary of winter period gas cost collections, while Schedule 3, pages 2 through 8 illustrates the gas cost collections for each individual month. Schedule 4, pages 1 and 2, shows the monthly detail of purchase gas costs allocated to the winter period. Schedule 4 Re-Allocation reflects the re-allocation of commodity costs from the New Hampshire Division to the Maine Division primarily due to the inadvertent omission of Company Managed volumes from the calculation. Schedule 5 presents the purchased and made volumes in Dekatherms ("Dths"), as well as sales volumes by Residential and Commercial/Industrial customer classification for the annual period of May 2007 through April 2008. The resulting difference between sendout and sales volumes is shown for this twelve-month period

Attachment A presents the reconciliation of the working capital costs allowable based on direct gas costs. The under-collection of \$10,235 will be reflected on Revised Page 39 of Northern's Tariff No. 10 as an addition to the costs used to calculate the COG rate.

Attachment B shows the reconciliation of the bad debt expenses, which are allowed based on gas costs and the working capital allowance. The under-collection of \$22,359 will also be reflected on Revised Page 39 of Northern's Tariff No. 10 as an addition to the costs used in calculating the COG rate.

Attachment C presents the interruptible profits by month. A total of \$30,338 of interruptible profits has been recognized for May 2007-April 2008. The \$30,338 has been deducted from the 2007-2008 Winter Period Costs.

Attachment D reconciles the Environmental Response Costs as well as a true-up of the estimates used for July-October 2007 and an estimate for July-October 2008.

Attachment E reconciles the RLIAP program costs and recoveries. The projected under recovery of \$5,626 will be reflected in a revision to the RLIAP recovery rate of \$0.0020 per therm.

Attachment F details the sales variance analysis. Of the 303,608 MMBtu less than forecasted sales variance, warmer than normal weather resulted in a 66,140 MMBtu decrease in sales, leaving weather normalized sales variance of 237,668 MMBtu. The remaining sales variance is the result of less than forecasted customer counts and a decrease in the average usage per customer.

Attachment G reconciles the refund passback of a refund received on January 31, 2007.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding these reconciliation schedules.

Sincerely,



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Manager of Regulatory Accounting

Attachments

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