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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

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**RE: Northern Utilities, Inc. Gas Energy Efficiency Programs
Docket No. DE 10-188
2012 Program Year Budget Requests**

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. (the "Company"). This letter addresses the need for 2012 program year budget adjustments between natural gas energy efficiency programs to reflect actual expenditures.

As authorized by Section V(B)(1) of Order No. 25,189 in Docket DE 10-188, the Company provides notification of the transfer of funds as follows:

- a) Transfer \$35,151 to Residential Gas Networks - \$8,881 from EnergyStar[®] Homes and \$26,270 from Residential Home Performance with EnergyStar (HPwES); and
- b) Transfer \$21,789 from Small C&I Custom to C&I Gas Networks.

See Exhibit A, attached.

The adjustments to the HPwES and the Residential Gas Networks programs, as well as the transfer from the Small C&I Custom program do not exceed 20% of each program's budget and therefore require only that the Company notify the PUC Staff and interested parties of the transfer of funds from one program to another within the same sector. However, in the case of the C&I Gas Networks Program, the proposed transfer of \$21,789, added to the \$19,000 transfer of funds noticed in a September 14, 2012 letter to the Commission, exceeds 20% of the originally filed program budget of \$140,000. Similarly, the current transfer of \$8,881, added to the \$20,000 transfer of funds noticed in an April 3, 2012 letter to the Commission, exceeds 20% of the originally filed program budget of \$130,000. Therefore, the Company respectfully requests approval for budget transfers of \$21,789 for C&I Gas Networks and \$8,881 for EnergyStar Homes.

Per Order 25,189, page 22, the Staff and interested parties may file comments with the Commission within two weeks of this notice. Such transfer shall be deemed approved by the Commission, unless the Commission notifies the utility of the need for more in-depth review within 30 days from the date of this filing.

Should the Commission have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,



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