

February 25, 2013

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

Re: <u>Northern Utilities, Inc., New Hampshire Division - Docket DG 12-273</u> February 2013 Monthly Cost of Gas Report

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 25,434 in Docket DG 12-273, enclosed are an original and one copy of Northern Utilities - New Hampshire Division's (the Company) current calculation of its projected over or under collection of gas costs ending April 30, 2013 for the 2012-2013 winter season. The Company is also providing a summary of its hedging transactions and monthly inventory interest calculation, both updated through January 2013.

The calculation, which reflects the Company's actual November 1, 2012 balance and gas futures prices as of February 22, 2013, produces an anticipated over-recovery of (\$1,005,326) or 4.68 percent of the total anticipated gas costs for the winter 2012-2013 period.

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:

Sixty-ninth Revised Page 39; Fifty-ninth Revised Page 94; and Fifty-ninth Revised Page 95.

These Tariff Pages are issued February 25, 2013, to be effective for usage on and after March 1, 2012. Red-line versions of these Tariff Pages are also enclosed.

The impact of the March 1 change in the Cost of Gas Adjustment Rate on the typical residential heating customer for the 2012-2013 winter period will be (\$39.78) or 3.01 percent less than the winter 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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