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BY HAND-DELIVERY AND E-MAIL

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



Re: Northern Utilities, Inc.
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. (the "Company"), in accordance with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Section 1604.05, as its Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules pursuant to RSA Ch. 378. The Company will be seeking an increase in base rates of approximately \$5.2 million, or 9.4 percent of total revenue, based on a proforma 2012 Test Year, and a rate mechanism for the annual recovery, beginning in 2014, of the costs associated with capital replacement and other projects. The Company also intends to file rate schedules requesting temporary rates, pursuant to RSA 378:27, during the pendency of the permanent rate relief request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gary Epler

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