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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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N.H.P.U.C. Case No. <u>DG 14-077</u>
Exhibit No. <u>#1</u>
Witness <u>Christopher A Kahl</u> <u>Joseph F. Conneely</u>
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Re: Northern Utilities, Inc. -- Proposed Cost of Gas Adjustment for the 2014 Summer Period, May 2014 through October 2014; DG 14-

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed please find an original, one redacted and seven (7) confidential copies of Northern Utilities Inc.'s ("Northern" or the "Company") Cost of Gas Adjustment Filing for the 2014 Summer Period.

Included in the filing are clean and red-lined versions of the tariff pages necessary to implement the proposed Cost of Gas Adjustment rates for the 2014 Summer Period as follows:

- Supplement No. 2, Third Revised Page 2,
- Supplement No. 2, Third Revised Page 3,
- Supplement No. 2, Second Revised Page 4,
- Fifty-fourth Revised Page 38,
- Seventy-fifth Revised Page 39.

The filing also includes the pre-filed direct testimony of the Company's witnesses – Unitil Service Corp. Senior Regulatory Analysts Christopher A. Kahl and Joseph F. Conneely.

As this filing indicates, the Residential Cost of Gas Adjustment ("CGA") for the 2014 Summer Period is projected to be \$0.1072 per therm higher than the weighted average CGA for the 2013 Summer Period. The typical residential heating customer's bill for the 2014 Summer Period will be \$16.50 or 7.18 percent higher than the bill for the 2013 Summer Period.

Please note that eight (8) pages of the filing contain CONFIDENTIAL data: peaking demand cost estimates (Schedule 5-A, page 5); asset management agreement revenue (Schedule 5A, page 6); and 2013 Summer Period reconciliation costs and volumes (Schedule 15, Form III, Schedule 4, pages 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 & 9). The confidential material has been clearly marked on these pages and well as on the cover letter of each confidential copy. The Company submits that this material falls within the provisions of Puc 201.06(a)(26), and it is relying upon the procedures outlined in Puc 201.06 and 201.07 to protect confidentiality.

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The Company will submit to the Commission its revised 2014 Summer Season COG filing reflecting then current costs a few weeks before the May 1, 2014 effective date.

Please be advised that Susan Geiger, Esq. of Orr & Reno has been engaged to represent Northern in this proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me or Susan Geiger.

Very truly yours,



George H. Simmons Jr.

Enclosures

CC: Alexander Speidel, Staff Counsel (with confidential material)
Susan Chamberlin, Assistant Consumer Advocate
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Susan Geiger, Orr & Reno (with confidential material)