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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: **Northern Utilities, Inc. -- DG 14 , 2014 / 2015 Winter Season  
Cost of Gas and Associated Charges Filing**

Dear Director Howland,

Enclosed please find an original, one redacted and six (6) confidential copies of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or the "Company") 2014-2015 Winter Season Cost of Gas ("COG") Adjustment filing and other associated proposed tariff changes.

Northern respectfully requests approval for the following Tariff Sheets:

- First Revised Page 42 (COG),
- First Revised Page 43 (COG),
- First Revised Page 59 (LDAC<sup>1</sup>),
- First Revised Page 96 (Rate Summary),
- First Revised Page 97 (Rate Summary),
- First Revised Page 98 (Rate Summary),
- First Revised Page 153 (Appendix A),
- First Revised Page 168 (Appendix C), and
- First Revised Page 171 (Appendix D).

The above listed Tariff Sheets are issued September 16, 2014 by Mark H. Collin, Treasurer, to be effective November 1, 2014.

First Revised Page 42 (COG) is the statement of the Company's anticipated direct and indirect costs of gas.

First Revised Page 43 (COG) contains the calculations of the proposed COG Adjustment Rates for Residential and General Service Firm Sales Customers.

First Revised Page 59 (LDAC) contains proposed rates for the Company's RLIARA Rate, DSM Rate, and ERC Rate, all of which are components of the Company's Local Distribution Adjustment Clause Rate. Support for the ERC Component was filed under separate cover on September 15, 2014.

First Revised Pages 96, 97 and 98, (Rate Summaries) have been updated to reflect the proposed COG and LDAC rates.

<sup>1</sup> LDAC: Local Distribution Adjustment Charge.

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First Revised Pages 96, 97 and 98, (Rate Summaries) have been updated to reflect the proposed COG and LDAC rates.

First Revised Page 153 (Appendix A), Schedule of Administrative Fees and Charges; the Supplier Balancing Charge has been updated to reflect the Company's latest balancing resources and associated capacity costs, and the Peaking Service Demand Charge has been updated to reflect the Company's Peaking resources and associated costs.

First Revised Page 168 (Appendix C) contains the proposed Capacity Assignment Allocators.

First Revised Page 171 (Appendix D) contains the Firm Sales Service Re-Entry Fee Bill Adjustment. Support for this charge was provided to the Commission in the Company's annual report filed under separate cover on September 16, 2014.

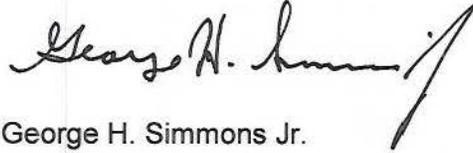
The proposed 2014 / 2015 Winter Season COG rate for residential customers is \$1.1069 per therm, \$0.2053 per therm or 23% percent higher than the 2013 / 2014 Winter Season COG rate. The proposed LDAC for a residential customer is \$0.0649, a decrease of \$0.0043 per therm, or 6% lower than the 2013 / 2014 Winter Season LDAC. The typical bill for a residential heating customer for the 2014 / 2015 Winter Season is projected to be \$1,196.30; this is higher than the 2013 / 2014 Winter Season bill of \$970.49 by \$225.81 or 23%.

Please note that thirty-three (33) pages of the filing contain CONFIDENTIAL data: delivered city-gate costs and delivered cost per dekatherm (Schedule 2, p 1); peaking demand cost estimates (Schedule 5-A, p. 5 of 6); asset management agreement revenue (Schedule 5A, p. 6 of 6); natural gas commodity price forecast (Attachment to Schedule 5-A, p. 1 of 46); liquified natural gas ("LNG") transportation/delivery terms and conditions and LNG trucking/transportation costs (Attachment to Schedule 5A, pp. 13-15 of 46); the projected value of asset management agreements (Schedule 5B, p. 5 of 7); total commodity cost and per unit commodity cost by supply source (Schedule 6A, pp. 1 & 3 of 3 and Schedule 15, Form III, Schedule 4, pp. 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12); and detailed basis price information (Schedule 6B, pp. 1-13 and 16 through 19). 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.

The Company will submit to the Commission its revised 2014 / 2015 Winter Season COG filing reflecting then current costs a few weeks before the November 1, 2014 effective date.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George H. Simmons Jr.", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

George H. Simmons Jr.

Enclosures

CC: Alexander Speidel, Staff Counsel (with confidential material)  
Susan Chamberlin, Consumer Advocate (with confidential material)