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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: DG 09-038; New Hampshire Gas Corporation -- Petition for Rate Increase

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to Rule PUC 1604.01 et seq., New Hampshire Gas Corporation ("NHGC") hereby submits to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") an original and five (5) copies of its filing in support of its request for a rate increase. The proposed permanent rate filing seeks an increase of \$423,806 in annual distribution revenues, which would result in a distribution rate increase of 42.15%, but, coupled with lower gas prices, would result in a total bill decrease of 24% for a residential non-FPO customer and a 34% decrease for a non-FPO commercial customer. NHGC is also seeking temporary rates in the amount of \$69,995, consistent with its most recent level of deferred revenues for the period May 2008 through April 2009.

NHGC's filing consists of this cover letter and: (1) tariffs for the proposed permanent and temporary rates; (2) the Petition of NHGC; (3) Testimony of Karen L. Zink for Temporary Rates and supporting schedules; (4) Testimony of Ms. Zink for Permanent Rates, with supporting schedules as required under PUC Rules 1604.01(a), 1604.07(a) and 1604.08(c). The filing also includes supplemental material.

Also enclosed is NHGC's Motion for Waiver of Certain Filing Requirements pursuant to PUC Rule 201.05.

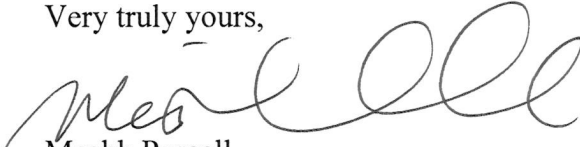
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NHGC respectfully requests that the Commission schedule a procedural hearing and issue a notice for this proceeding as soon as possible.

We have also included copies of the material included in this filing on the enclosed electronic file.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

cc: Thomas B. Getz, Chairman (w/o encl.)  
Graham J. Morrison, Commissioner (w/o encl.)  
Michael D. Harrington, Commissioner (w/o encl.)  
F. Anne Ross, General Counsel (w/o encl.)  
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