



September 25, 2009



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

Re: Northern Utilities, Inc., New Hampshire Division - Docket DG 09-052-
September 2009 Monthly Cost of Gas Report

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 24,961 in Docket DG 09-052, enclosed are an original and one copy of Northern Utilities-New Hampshire Division's current calculation of its projected over or under collection of gas costs ending October 31, 2009 for the 2009 summer period. The Company is also providing reports updated through August 2009 of Northern's: (a) monthly number of transportation service customers and associated gas usage, (b) summary of its hedging transactions, (c) monthly inventory interest calculation, and (d) the New Hampshire allocation of in-kind volumes of gas associated with the Newington metering issue.

The calculation, which reflects the gas futures prices of September 18, 2009, indicates an anticipated under-recovery as of October 31, 2009 of \$794,647 or 15.05% of the total anticipated gas costs for the summer 2009 period. The Company notes that the anticipated under-collection is a substantial change from the anticipated period-ending balance reported last month. In preparation of this report, the Company discovered that it had made errors in its reconciliation of summer gas costs. The correction of these errors led to the above reported October 31, 2009 anticipated under-collection.

The Company has enclosed for filing the following list of Tariff Pages reflecting a 25 percent increase in its Cost of Gas Adjustment Rates, the maximum allowed pursuant to the Company's Tariff:

Forty-third Revised Page 38;
Forty-third Revised Page 39;
Thirty-eighth Revised Page 94; and
Thirty-eighth Revised Page 95.

These Tariff Pages are issued September 25, 2009 to be effective for usage on and after October 1, 2009.

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The impact of the October 1 change in the Cost of Gas Adjustment Rate on the typical residential heating customer will be \$13.10 or 3.1 percent more than the summer period bill at the Company's current rates. Including this rate change, the typical residential customer's 2009 summer bill will be \$436.16, a savings of \$105.71 or 20 percent from last summer's bill.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or Susan Geiger of the firm, Orr & Reno.

Very truly yours,



Frederick J. Stewart

Enclosures

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