

Prefiled Testimony of Todd M. Bohan

**NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.
NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION
SUMMER PERIOD 2010 PROPOSED
COST OF GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING
PREFILED TESTIMONY OF
TODD M. BOHAN**

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 Q. Please state your name, business address, and position.

3 A. My name is Todd M. Bohan. My business address is 6 Liberty Lane West,
4 Hampton, New Hampshire. I am a Senior Regulatory Analyst for Unitil Service
5 Corp. ("Unitil").

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7 Q. Please describe your relevant educational and work experience.

8 A. I graduated *magna cum laude* from Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New
9 Hampshire in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Financial Economics. I
10 earned a Masters in Economics from Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts
11 in May 1990. In September 1995, I earned a Ph.D. in Economics from Clark
12 University. Before joining Unitil, I worked for Bay State Gas Company as a Rate
13 Analyst. Prior to working for Bay State, I was employed as a Utility Analyst and
14 an Economist in the Economics Department of the New Hampshire Public
15 Utilities Commission. I joined Unitil in November 1998, and have been involved
16 in various regulatory proceedings since then. Most recently, my efforts have been
17 focused on the integration of Northern Utilities, Inc.'s ("Northern" or the
18 "Company") regulatory reporting requirements since the acquisition of Northern
19 by Unitil.

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1 Q. Have you previously testified before the New Hampshire Public Utilities
2 Commission ("Commission")?

3 A. Yes. I have testified before the Commission on various regulatory matters, most
4 recently in Northern's Winter Period 2009 - 2010 Cost of Gas Adjustment
5 proceeding, docket DG 09-167.

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7 **II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

8 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

9 A. The purpose of my testimony is twofold. First, I will introduce and describe
10 Northern's 2009 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment Reconciliation filing. In
11 addition, I provide a typical bill analysis for the rate changes as part of this
12 proceeding that are proposed for effect May 1, 2010.

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14 Q. Please explain the prior Summer period (over)-collection of (\$536,749).

15 A. Schedule 15 provides the 2009 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment
16 Reconciliation ("Reconciliation") as filed in docket DG 09-052 on January 29,
17 2010. The prior Summer period (over)-collection of (\$536,749) is the result of a
18 previous Summer period (2008) under-collection of \$489,758; cost of gas of
19 \$5,355,992; interest of \$10,128; and collections in the amount of (\$6,392,626).
20 This net (over)-collection of (\$536,749) is an input on Schedule 3, page 2.

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1 The Reconciliation also presents the (over)-collection balance for the working
2 capital allowance of (\$8,299), and the (over)-collection balance for bad debt
3 allowance in the amount of (\$4,888). Both of these are inputs as well to Schedule
4 3, page 2 of the filing.

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6 Q. Does Northern propose to refund those amounts during the 2010 Summer period?

7 A. Yes. Northern proposes to refund the 2009 Summer period (over)-collection
8 balances through the cost of gas rates proposed as part of this filing.

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10 Q. How does the 2010 Summer period proposed cost of gas compare with the 2009
11 Summer period cost of gas rate?

12 A. The proposed residential heating 2010 Summer period rate of \$0.6981 per therm
13 is \$0.0404 per therm lower than the 2009 Summer period rate of \$0.7385 per
14 therm. This is due to lower gas costs in the 2010 Summer period in comparison
15 to the 2009 Off-Peak period. This is discussed in the testimony of Mr. Simpson.

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17 Q. Have you prepared a typical bill analysis showing the impact of the proposed
18 changes for effect on May 1, 2010 on a typical residential gas heating customer?

19 A. Yes. Schedule 8 provides this analysis and shows the impact of the proposed
20 changes. A typical residential heating customer consuming 318 therms during the
21 2010 Summer period will see a bill of \$411.54 for the entire Summer period of

1 May through October. This is \$24.62, or 5.64% lower than the bill for the same
2 usage during the 2009 Summer period.

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4 **III. CONCLUSION**

5 Q. In the cover letter to the filing, Northern states that it has recently changed the
6 structure of its cost of gas filing. Do you consider this process complete?

7 A. No. In preparation of this filing, Northern has attempted to revise the structure of
8 its filing to better facilitate the parties' review; however, Northern anticipates
9 meeting with Commission Staff subsequent to this proceeding to continue and
10 complete this effort.

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12 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

13 A. Yes, it does.