



**CONFIDENTIAL  
MATERIAL  
IN COMM FILE**

September 30, 2011

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

Re: **Northern Utilities, Inc. -- DG 11- 207, 2011 / 2012 Winter Season  
Cost of Gas and Associated Charges Filing- CONFIDENTIAL  
MATERIAL**

Dear Director Howland:

Northern requests confidential treatment of the documents submitted with this filing that are marked confidential. This information constitutes a "routing filing" within the meaning of Rule Puc 201.06 (25) (i.e., "Supplier commodity pricing, special terms of supply agreements, and other non-public financial information and statements submitted in connection with a Cost of Gas Proceeding"). As such, this information qualifies for the procedures established in Rules Puc 201.06 and 201.07. It is Northern's understanding that it does not need to take any further steps at this time to assure that this information will be maintained confidential by the Commission, and that the Commission will make a decision regarding this request for confidential treatment at such time as there is a request for release of this information to the public submitted pursuant to Puc 201.07. See Puc 201.06(b).

Please let us know if the Commission requires anything further from the Company in order to maintain the confidentiality of this information.

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

Respectfully Yours,

George H. Simmons Jr.

Enclosures

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