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March 16, 2016



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. -- Proposed Cost of Gas Adjustment  
for the 2016 Summer Period, May 2016 through October 2016;  
DG 16-**

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed please find an original, one redacted and six (6) confidential copies of Northern Utilities Inc.'s ("Northern" or the "Company") Cost of Gas ("COG") Adjustment Filing for the 2016 Summer Period.

Northern respectfully requests approval for the following Tariff Sheets:

Fourth Revised Page 42,  
Tenth Revised Page 43,  
Tenth Revised Page 96,  
Tenth Revised Page 97 and  
Fourth Revised Page 98.

The above listed Tariff Sheets are issued March 16, 2016 by Mark H. Collin, Senior Vice President, to be effective May 1, 2016.

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

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

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

The filing also includes the pre-filed direct testimony of the Company's witnesses – Unitil Service Corp. Senior Regulatory Analysts Christopher A. Kahl and Joseph F. Conneely.

As this filing indicates, the Residential Cost of Gas Adjustment ("CGA") for the 2016 Summer Period is projected to be \$0.0171 per therm higher than the weighted average CGA for the 2015 Summer Period. The typical residential heating

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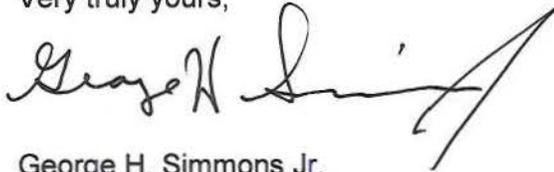
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customer's bill for the 2016 Summer Period will be \$2.33 or 0.91 percent higher than for the 2015 Summer Period.

Please note that twenty-three (23) pages of the filing contain CONFIDENTIAL data: estimated city-gate costs and volumes (Schedule 2, page 1); peaking demand cost estimates (Schedule 5-A, page 5); asset management agreement revenue (Schedule 5A, page 6); natural gas price forecast by supply area (attachment to Schedule 5, page 1); total and per unit costs by city-gate (Schedule 6A, pages 1 and 3); detailed city-gate costs by path (Schedule 6B, pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 16); and 2015 Summer Period reconciliation costs and volumes (Schedule 15, Form III, Schedule 4, pages 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 & 9). The confidential material has been clearly marked on these pages as well as on the cover letter of each confidential copy. 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.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me or Chris Kahl at 603-773-6425.

Very truly 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: Mike Sheehan, Staff Counsel (with confidential material)  
Donald Kreis, Consumer Advocate (with confidential material)