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**BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY AND E-MAIL**

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

Re: Northern Utilities, Inc.  
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. (the "Company"), in accordance with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Part Puc 1604.05, as its Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules pursuant to RSA Ch. 378. The Company will be seeking an increase in base rates of approximately \$5 million, or 7 percent of total revenue, based on a proforma 2016 Test Year, and a rate plan consisting of base rate step adjustments beginning in 2018, associated with gas distribution plant additions. The Company also intends to file rate schedules requesting temporary rates, pursuant to RSA 378:27, during the pendency of the permanent rate relief request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Epler".

Gary Epler  
Attorney for Northern Utilities, Inc.

cc: David Shulock, Director, Legal Division  
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