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

RE:

DG 17-070 Northern Utilities, Inc.

Rate Case Expense Filing

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern") is one public and seven confidential copies of Northern's Rate Case Expense Filing. A number of the invoices included with the filing contain confidential material, and a Motion for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order is enclosed.

This filing is in accordance with the Settlement Agreement approved by the Public Utilities Commission in Order No. 26,129, issued May 2, 2018. As provided in the Settlement Agreement, Northern's Rate Case Expense are to be recovered over a twelve month period beginning May 1, 2018 through a uniform charge per therm, \$0.0029, in accordance with the provisions of Northern's Local Delivery Adjustment Charge tariff. The filing includes a rate case expense invoice index, invoice detail, and the actual invoices. The invoice index and invoice detail provide a summary of Northern's rate case costs by vendor, including page references to the supporting invoices in Tabs 1 through 10.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Gary Epler

Enclosures

CC:

Paul Dexter, Staff Counsel

D. M. Kreis, Consumer Advocate