

June 23, 2020

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

Re: DG 18-103: Northern Utilities, Inc. Compliance Filing - Atkinson

Dear Ms. Howland:

In compliance with the Commission's Order No. 26,178 in the above-reference Docket, <sup>1</sup> Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or the "Company") provides this report on the first year of operations for the Company's pipeline extension in Atkinson, New Hampshire.

The Commission's Order 26,178 granted, *inter alia*, the Company's request to expand its franchise territory in the Town of Atkinson, NH. The Company made its request in connection with a planned pipeline expansion to serve the Atkinson Country Club and a condominium development. In Order 26,178, the Commission directed the Company to "file actual costs and revenues for the first year of operation and an updated DCF analysis within 30 days following the first year of operations, with actual costs and revenue margins for the first year and estimated costs and margins for the following four years." Order 26,178 at 16. The Company first gassed the main extension in Atkinson on May 24, 2019; thus, the Company now provides the required information in connection with that project.<sup>2</sup>

Updated Exhibit CC-6, the Company's DCF model for the Atkinson extension, is enclosed with this letter. This Exhibit provides all of the information requested in Order 26,178. The model demonstrates that economics of the Atkinson project continue to be favorable on both a 10-year and 20-year basis. Because this model is a confidential and proprietary "live" excel model, the Company is submitting an accompanying Motion for Confidential Treatment. Northern notes that the Commission previously granted confidential treatment to Exhibit CC-6 in Order 26,178.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Northern Utilities, Inc., Order Granting Franchise Authority at 14 (October 3, 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Company's Kingston extension was not placed into service until late November, 2019; the Company will provide a separate report on the first year of operations for the Kingston extension in December 2020.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have regarding this filing.

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