



September 30, 2021

BY E-MAIL

Hon. Diane Martin, Chairwoman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**RE: DG 21-123
Petition for Approval of Rate Recovery Mechanism for Property Taxes
Northern Utilities, Inc.**

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

Upon the close of the September 23, 2021 public hearing in the above-referenced docket, representatives of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or the "Company") and the Department of Energy ("Energy") held a technical session to discuss a number of issues concerning the Petition and proposed tariff changes, including matters raised by Energy's audit staff. As a result of these discussions, and subsequent exchanges of emails and a second informal technical session on September 29, 2021, the Company and Energy were able to resolve these issues, and clarify and correct portions of the filing and request for relief, to the satisfaction of both parties. Accordingly, the Company and Energy submit that this matter is now ripe for review by the Commission, and respectfully request that the Commission schedule a hearing on this matter to allow final disposition of the pending request.

Please note that as the Petition includes a request to incorporate into the new rate component (the Regulatory Cost Adjustment Mechanism ("RCAM")) the recovery of the portion of the regulatory assessment not recovered in base rates (currently recovered in the Gas Assistance Program & Regulatory Assessment ("GAPRA")), the parties respectfully request that a hearing on this matter be timed so as to allow modification of the Company's LDAC filing, currently set for hearing in DG 21-131 on October 26, 2021.

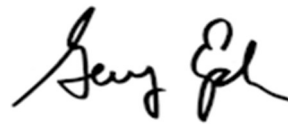
Enclosed in clean and redlined version are the revised testimony of Christopher J. Goulding, and Schedules CJG-1 and CJG-3. In addition, the Company has included an additional Schedule CJG-4 which contains copies of the property tax bills at issue.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions regarding this filing.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Epler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" and the last name "Epler" clearly distinguishable.

Gary Epler

cc: Paul Dexter, Esq. Department of Energy
Donald Kreis, Esq., Consumer Advocate