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September 17, 2021

Dianne Martin Chairwoman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

## Re: <u>Northern Utilities, Inc. -- DG 21</u>, 2021 / 2022 Annual Cost of Gas and Associated Charges Filing

Dear Chairwoman Martin,

Enclosed please find one redacted copy and one confidential copy of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or the "Company") proposed 2021 / 2022 Annual Cost of Gas ("COG") Adjustment filing and other proposed rate and tariff changes.

Northern respectfully requests approval for the following Tariff Sheets:

Fourth Revised Page 40 (COG); Fourth Revised Page 41 (COG); Eighth Revised Page 42 (COG); Tenth Revised Page 43 (COG); Fifth Revised Page 62 (LDAC); Tenth Revised Page No. 85 (Rate Summaries); Twelfth Revised Page No. 86 (Rate Summaries); Ninth Revised Page No. 87 (Rate Summaries); Eleventh Revised Page No. 88 (Rate Summaries); Fourth Revised Page 141 (Appendix A); Fourth Revised Page 153 (Appendix C); and Fourth Revised Page 158 (Appendix D).

The above listed Tariff Sheets are issued September 17, 2021 by Robert B. Hevert, Senior Vice President to be effective November 1, 2021 and May 1, 2022.

Fourth Revised Page 40 (COG) is a statement of the Company's anticipated direct and indirect costs of gas for the 2021 / 2022 Winter Period.

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Fourth Revised Page 41 (COG) is a statement of the Company's anticipated direct and indirect costs of gas for the 2022 Summer Period.

Eighth Revised Page 42 (COG) contains the calculations of the proposed 2021 / 2022 Winter Period COG Adjustment Rates for Residential and General Service (C&I) Sales Customers.

Tenth Revised Page 43 (COG) contains the calculations of the proposed 2022 Summer Period COG Adjustment Rates for Residential and General Service (C&I) Sales Customers.

Fifth Revised Page 62 (LDAC) contains proposed rates for the Company's GAPRA, EEC, LRR, and ERC, all of which are components of the Company's Local Distribution Adjustment Charge (LDAC) Rate. Support for the ERC will be filed under separate cover. The proposed LDAC Rate presented on Fifth Revised Page 62 is \$0.0631 for Residential customers and \$0.0360 for C&I customers.

Tenth Revised Page 85 and Ninth Revised Page 87 (Rate Summaries) have been updated to reflect the proposed 2021 / 2022 Winter Period COG and LDAC Rates.

Twelfth Revised Page 86 and Eleventh Revised Page 88, (Rate Summaries) have been updated to reflect the proposed 2022 Summer Period COG and LDAC Rates.

Fourth Revised Page 141 (Appendix A), Schedule of Administrative Fees and Charges, has been updated to reflect the Company's latest proposed Supplier Balancing Charge, Company Allowance Calculation and Peaking Service Demand Charge.

Fourth Revised Page 156 (Appendix C) lists the proposed Capacity Assignment Allocators.

Fourth Revised Page 158 (Appendix D) includes the proposed Re-entry Rate and Conversion Rate for November 2021 through April 2022, and for May 2022 through October 2022.

The proposed 2021 / 2022 Winter Season COG rate for Residential customers is \$0.9392 per therm and the proposed 2021 Summer Season COG rate for Residential customers is \$0.5176 per therm. The proposed LDAC Rate for Residential customers is \$0.0631 per therm.

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The typical bill for a Residential heating customer for the 2021 / 2022 Winter Season is projected to be \$1,118.29. This is higher than the 2020 / 2021 Winter Season bill by \$93.55 or 9.1%.<sup>1</sup> The typical bill for a Residential heating customer for the 2022 Summer Season is projected to be \$291.67. This is lower than the 2021 Summer Season bill by \$3.49 or 1.18%.

Please note the following pages of this filing contain the following CONFIDENTIAL data: delivered city-gate costs and delivered cost per dekatherm (Attachment NUI-FXW-12, pages 1 and 2 of 2); peaking demand cost estimates (Attachment NUI-FXW-5, page 5 of 6); asset management agreement ("AMA") revenue (Attachment NUI-FXW-5, page 6 of 6); natural gas commodity price forecast (Attachment NUI-FXW-10, page 1 of 3); the projected value of capacity assignment and AMA revenues (Attachment NUI-FXW-5, page 5 of 7); LNG inventory costs (Attachment NUI-CAK-7); total commodity cost and per unit commodity cost by supply source (Attachment NUI-FXW-8, pages 1 and 3 of 3); reconciliation costs and volumes (Attachment NUI-CAK-10, Form III, Schedule 4, pages 3 and 4 of 4); detailed basis price information (Attachment NUI-FXW-9, pages 1 through 11 and 14 through 17 of 17); and confidential supplier information (Attachment NUI-CAK-2A, Page 1). 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.

In accordance with the Commission's temporary moratorium on paper filings, the Company is submitting these tariff pages only in electronic format.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. Taylor Attorney for Northern Utilities, Inc.

<sup>1</sup> This bill impact includes changes to the Company's COG, LDAC and Distribution Base Rates.