## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.	)	DOCUMENO DO AS AS
	)	) DOCKET NO. DG 22-020
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## MOTION TO RE-OPEN DOCKET AND ACCEPT COMPLIANCE FILING

Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil ("Northern" or the "Company") hereby requests that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") reopen Docket DG 22-020 for the limited purpose of accepting and approving the enclosed compliance filing. In support of this motion, Northern says the following:

- 1. On April 1, 2022, Northern submitted a step adjustment petition, supported by testimony and schedules prepared by Company witnesses, in connection with calendar year 2021 capital investments. The Commission thereafter opened the above-captioned docket.
- 2. In Order No. 26,675, the Commission approved a step increase revenue requirement of \$1,554,966. It also prescribed the manner in which it authorized the Company to recover this amount through rates:

We approve this amount for distribution rate recovery by Northern for an initial eleven (11)-month recovery period, for service rendered from September 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023, as specified by Order No. 26,650 in Docket No. DG 21-104. Subsequently, step increase revenues will be recovered on an August 1 through July 31 annual basis, and adjusted accordingly.

DG 22-020, Northern Utilities, Inc., Order No. 26,675 at 4 (August 31, 2022) (emphasis added).

3. On September 8, 2022, Northern made a compliance tariff filing including rates that incorporated an eleven-month recovery period of the approved revenue requirement. The Commission issued a letter of compliance on October 4, 2022.

- 4. The Commission issued a Procedural Order closing Docket DG 22-020 on December 9, 2022. However, the Company had not yet submitted its compliance filing adjusting rates to reflect recovery of step adjustment revenues on an August 1 through July 31 annual basis, beginning August 1, 2023.
- 5. Northern respectfully requests that the Commission re-open Docket DG 22-020 for the limited purpose of accepting the Company's compliance filing to adjust rates to reflect an annual (rather than eleven-month) recovery of the step adjustment revenue requirement approved by the Commission in DG 22-020. The Company is not requesting any change to the approved revenue requirement; it is simply reducing rates to reflect recovery of the \$1,554,966 revenue requirement over a twelve-month period. This is what the Commission approved and ordered in Order 26,675.
- 6. Northern believes that there is no prejudice to the Commission, the parties to DG 22-020, or the Company's customers by re-opening the docket, accepting the Company's compliance filing, and approving the Company's compliance tariff pages.

**WHEREFORE**, for the reasons stated above, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission reopen Docket DG 22-020, accept the Company's compliance tariff filing in the Docket, and approve the Company's compliance tariff pages.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have caused copies of the above to be served on the service list in this proceeding.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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