



September 15, 2023

BY E-MAIL

Daniel Goldner, Chair
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: **Northern Utilities, Inc. -- DG 23-XXX**
2023 / 2024 Annual Cost of Gas and Associated Charges Filing

Dear Chair Goldner:

Enclosed please find redacted and confidential versions of Northern Utilities, Inc.'s ("Northern" or the "Company") proposed 2023 / 2024 Annual Cost of Gas ("COG") Adjustment filing and other proposed rate and tariff changes.

Northern respectfully requests approval for the following Tariff Sheets:

Sixth Revised Page 40 (COG);
Sixth Revised Page 41 (COG);
Seventeenth Revised Page 42 (COG);
Seventeenth Revised Page 43 (COG);
Eleventh Revised Page 62 (LDAC);
Twenty-fourth & Twenty-fifth Revised Page No. 86 (Rate Summaries);
Twenty-third & Twenty-fourth Revised Page No. 88 (Rate Summaries);
Seventh Revised Page 141 (Appendix A);
Sixth Revised Page 153 (Appendix C); and
Sixth Revised Page 158 (Appendix D).

The above listed Tariff Sheets are issued September 15, 2023 by Daniel Hurstak, Vice President and Treasurer, to be effective November 1, 2023 and May 1, 2024.

Sixth Revised Page 40 (COG) is a statement of the Company's anticipated direct and indirect costs of gas for the 2023 / 2024 Winter Period.

Sixth Revised Page 41 (COG) is a statement of the Company's anticipated direct and indirect costs of gas for the 2024 Summer Period.

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Seventeenth Revised Page 42 (COG) contains the calculations of the proposed 2023 / 2024 Winter Period COG Adjustment Rates for Residential and General Service (C&I) Sales Customers.

Seventeenth Revised Page 43 (COG) contains the calculations of the proposed 2024 Summer Period COG Adjustment Rates for Residential and General Service (C&I) Sales Customers.

Eleventh Revised Page 62 (LDAC) contains proposed rates for the Company's GAP, EEC, LRR, PTAM, ITMC, REC, RPC, RAAM, 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.

Twenty-fourth Revised Page 86 and Twenty-third Revised Page 88, (Rate Summaries) have been updated to reflect the proposed 2023-2024 Winter Period COG and LDAC Rates.

Twenty-fifth Revised Page 86 and Twenty-fourth Revised Page 88 (Rate Summaries) have been updated to reflect the proposed 2024 Summer Period COG and LDAC Rates.

Seventh 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.

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

Sixth Revised Page 158 (Appendix D) includes the proposed Re-entry Rate and Conversion Rate for November 2023 through April 2024, and for May through October 2024.

The proposed 2023 / 2024 Winter Season COG rate for Residential customers is \$0.7282 per therm and the proposed 2024 Summer Season COG rate for Residential customers is \$0.5117 per therm. The proposed LDAC Rate for Residential customers is \$0.0883 per therm.

The typical bill for a Residential heating customer for the 2023 / 2024 Winter Season is projected to be \$1,004.32. This is lower than the average 2022 / 2023 Winter Season bill by \$159.91 or 13.7%.¹ The typical bill for a Residential heating customer for the 2024

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



Summer Season is projected to be \$314.46. This is higher than the 2023 Summer Season bill by \$16.52 or 5.54%.

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-6, 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); and detailed basis price information (Attachment NUI-FXW-9, pages 1 through 9, 11 and 12, and 14 through 16 of 16). 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. Taylor".

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