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Daniel Goldner, Chair New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: <u>Northern Utilities, Inc. -- DG 24-XXX , 2024 / 2025 Annual Cost of</u> <u>Gas and Associated Charges Filing</u>

Dear Chair Goldner,

Enclosed please find one redacted copy and one confidential copy of Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or the "Company") proposed 2024 / 2025 Annual Cost of Gas ("COG") Adjustment filing and other proposed rate and tariff changes.

Northern respectfully requests approval for the following Tariff Sheets:

Seventh Revised Page 40 (COG); Seventh Revised Page 41 (COG); Twenty-second Revised Page 42 (COG); Twentieth Revised Page 43 (COG); Thirteenth Revised Page 62 (LDAC); Thirty-second & Thirty-third Revised Page No. 86 (Rate Summaries); Thirty-first & Thirty-second Revised Page No. 88 (Rate Summaries); Eighth Revised Page 141 (Appendix A); Seventh Revised Page 153 (Appendix C); and Seventh Revised Page 158 (Appendix D).

The above listed Tariff Sheets are issued September 17, 2024 by Daniel Hurstak, Vice President and Treasurer to be effective November 1, 2024 and May 1, 2025.

Seventh Revised Page 40 (COG) is a statement of the Company's anticipated direct and indirect costs of gas for the 2024 / 2025 Winter Period.

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Seventh Revised Page 41 (COG) is a statement of the Company's anticipated direct and indirect costs of gas for the 2025 Summer Period.

Twenty-second Revised Page 42 (COG) contains the calculations of the proposed 2024 / 2025 Winter Period COG Adjustment Rates for Residential and General Service (C&I) Sales Customers.

Twentieth Revised Page 43 (COG) contains the calculations of the proposed 2025 Summer Period COG Adjustment Rates for Residential and General Service (C&I) Sales Customers.

Thirteenth Revised Page 62 (LDAC) contains proposed rates for the Company's GAP, EEC, LRR, PTAMM 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 Thirteenth Revised Page 62 is \$0.0631 for Residential customers and \$0.0360 for C&I customers.

Thirty-second Revised Page 86 and Thirty-first Revised Page 88, (Rate Summaries) have been updated to reflect the proposed 2024 / 2025 Winter Period COG and LDAC Rates.

Thirty-third Revised Page 86 and Thirty-second Revised Page 88, (Rate Summaries) have been updated to reflect the proposed 2025 Summer Period COG and LDAC Rates.

Eighth 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.

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

Seventh Revised Page 158 (Appendix D) includes the proposed Re-entry Rate and Conversion Rate for November 2024 through April 2025, and for May 2025 through October 2025.

The proposed 2024 / 2025 Winter Season COG rate for Residential customers is \$0.6553 per therm and the proposed 2025 Summer Season COG rate for Residential customers is \$0.3884 per therm. The proposed LDAC Rate for Residential customers is \$0.0649 per therm.

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The typical bill for a Residential heating customer for the 2024 / 2025 Winter Season is projected to be \$1,050.75 This is higher than the 2023 / 2024 Winter Season bill by \$53.03 or 5.3%.¹ The typical bill for a Residential heating customer for the 2025 Summer Season is projected to be \$309.95. This is lower than the 2024 Summer Season bill by \$21.12 or 7.03%.

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); 2023 / 2024 reconciliation supply costs (Attachment NUI-CAK-10, Pages 3 & 4); 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). 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,

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