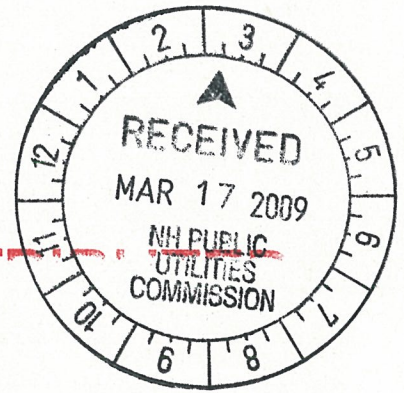




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BY OVERNIGHT MAIL

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil
Gas Energy Efficiency Program Proposal
Docket No. DG 0-

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil, ("Unitil" or "Company") are an original and seven copies of the Company's proposed Gas Energy Efficiency ("EE") Program Proposal for the period beginning May 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

Please note that the Company is filing a 20-month plan rather than a 36-month plan as it has in the past in order to synchronize its gas EE program year with Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.'s ("UES") electric EE program year. The Company believes that doing so will help to increase administrative efficiency and improve coordination between the Company's gas and UES' electric energy efficiency plan filings and program implementation strategies.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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