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February 25, 2015

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

Re: Docket No. DG 13-086 Northern Utilities, Inc. Compliance Filing
For Earnings Sharing

Dear Director Howland:

In Docket No. DG 13-086, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("the Commission") approved a Settlement Agreement ("the Settlement") allowing Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern" or "the Company") a permanent rate increase and possible future rate adjustments. The Settlement, at Section 2.6, requires the Company to submit a 12-month uniform per therm Earnings Sharing ("ES") usage credit for effect May 1, 2015, if applicable.

Northern proposes no ES usage credit for effect May 1, as 2014 earnings did not reach the Settlement's minimum threshold under which ES is required. The Settlement allows the Company to retain all 2014 earnings up to and including a Return on Equity ("ROE") of 10 percent. Northern's ROE was 9.28 percent as calculated in accordance with the Company's F-1 Rate of Return Report ("the Report") for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 as previously filed with the Commission on February 13, 2015. The Report is enclosed for the convenience of the Commission and parties.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Epler", written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosure

cc: Service List

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