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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301

**RE: DG 19-154: Northern Utilities, Inc. 2019-2020 Annual Cost of Gas
Request for Correction or Clarification – Order No. 26,303**

Dear Ms. Howland,

On October 29, 2019, the Commission issued Order No. 26,303 in the above-referenced matter. Described generally, the Order approved Northern Utilities, Inc.'s ("Northern" or the "Company") cost of gas rates and other charges beginning November 1, 2019. Northern does not contest any findings set forth in the Commission's Order. However, the Company would like to bring to the Commission's attention what it believes to be an inadvertent error in the Order, and request a correction or clarification.

Page 5 of Order No. 26,303 indicates that Northern proposed "short-term debt limits of **\$54,412,000 for fuel financing** and \$74,206,000 for non-fuel financing for the period November 1, 2019, through October 31, 2020." (Emphasis added.) Similarly, the first ordering paragraph on page 8 of Order No. 26,303 states: "FURTHER ORDERED, that Northern's proposed short-term debt limits of **\$54,412,000 for fuel financing** and \$74,206,000 for non-fuel financing for the period November 1, 2019, through October 31, 2020, are approved." (Emphasis added.)

As set forth in Schedule 29-CAK, Northern's total winter gas costs for its New Hampshire and Maine divisions is \$54,412,000. A copy of Schedule 29-CAK, which was entered into the record as part of Exhibits 1 and 2 at the October 11, 2019 evidentiary hearing, is appended to this letter for ease of reference. The Company calculates its short-term debt limit for fuel financing purposes to be 30% of total winter gas costs, or **\$16,324,000**.

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Northern requests that the Commission correct or clarify Order No. 26,303 to state on pages 5 and 8 that the Company's proposed (and approved) short term debt limit for fuel financing purposes is \$16,324,000, not \$54,412,000.

Norther believes that this is a minor editorial matter that does not require the formality of a motion. However, to the extent that it is necessary to do so, the Company requests that the Commission waive the formal requirements of Puc 203.07 and treat this letter as a motion pursuant to RSA 541:3.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. Taylor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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