

ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATE ASSESSMENT

A. PURPOSE

Pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 10111, Northern Utilities, Inc., (“Northern” or “the Company”) shall collect from its customers an amount of revenue for the natural gas conservation fund. The amount to be collected shall be determined by the MPUC pursuant to its review of the Triennial Plan of the Efficiency Maine Trust. The revenue will be collected by a fee which shall be called the Energy Efficiency Rate Assessment (“EERA”). The EERA will be applied to all firm sales and delivery service customers billed under this tariff except as follows: Large Volume Manufacturers (“LVM”) and Large Volume Agricultural Businesses (“LVAB”) will pay the EERA only on the first 1 million ccf used during the 12-month period from November to October each year.

A LVM is a customer that is a gas utility ratepayer engaged in manufacturing in the State, has a manufacturing North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code, and purchases at least 1 million ccf of natural gas per year. Usage will be aggregated where a customer has multiple accounts clustered within a contiguous area serving the manufacturing process as a whole. Customers purchasing 1 million ccf of natural gas per year and designated in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Order issued on September 27, 2017 in Docket No. 2017-00145 as an affected customer, are considered LVM. Customers not qualifying under the criteria above may petition the Commission for designation as an LVM, providing information as to how, an absence of a manufacturing NAICS code notwithstanding, the customer is an LVM.

A LVAB is a customer that is a gas utility ratepayer that purchases at least 1 million ccf of natural gas per year and is engaged in the commercial growing or harvesting of plants or commercial aquaculture, as defined in Maine Revised Statutes Title 12, section 6001, subsection 1.

A wholesale electricity-generating facility that has a nameplate capacity of 3 megawatts or greater is exempt from the EERA. In order to be exempt, the wholesale electricity-generating facility must sell a material portion of its power output into the wholesale market. If a facility generates solely or primarily for self-consumption, the facility is not considered exempt.

B. APPLICATION

The EERA will be effective every November 1st for the annual period November 1 through October 31. The annual EERA filing, submitted on August 15th of each year, shall include information necessary for the Commission to confirm that the proposed EERA is at the level approved by the Commission in the Triennial Plan. The EERA may be adjusted during the annual period to ensure the amount collected is consistent with the approved level.

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C. DETERMINATION OF THE EERA

The EERA shall be set at the level required to produce the funding level required by the Efficiency Maine Trust's Triennial Plan as approved by the Commission. The rate shall be determined by taking the Commission's Annual Assessment divided by the estimated firm sales and delivery service demand for the future period November 1 through October 31, excluding usage over 1 million ccf for LVM and LVAB, and any exempt wholesale electricity-generating facilities. The EERA may be adjusted during the annual period to ensure more accurate recovery.

D. RECONCILIATION FOR DIFFERENCES

Northern shall be required to reconcile the difference between the required funding level set by the MPUC pursuant to its review of the Triennial Plan and the actual revenues collected for the annual period ending October 31. In its filing for the next 12 month assessment, the Company shall adjust the EERA for any remaining differences between actual collections and the required funding level. Carrying Charges shall be calculated on the average monthly balance using the Company's average short-term cost of borrowing for the month, then added to each end-of-the-month balance. Northern may propose additional adjustments outside of these set periods.

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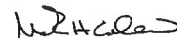
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(EERA)

For Effect: November 1, 2024 - October 30, 2025

Line	
1	Total Estimated (Over)/Under Beginning Balance (October 30, 2024) \$ (393,641.37)
2	2024 Efficiency Maine Trust Assessment (1) \$ -
3	Amount to be Recovered (Line 1+Line 2) \$ (393,641)
4	Projected Sales, November 1, 2024 - October 30, 2025 (therms) <u>120,193,657</u>
5	EERA, Effective November 1, 2024 (Line 3 / Line 4) <u>(\$0.0033)</u>

(1) Based upon Request for Significant Changes and Ratepayer Funding, approved May 19, 2024 in Docket No. 2022-00039.

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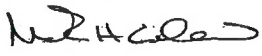
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