

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 10-188

ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES

**2011-2012 Core Electric Energy Efficiency Programs
and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs**

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE RELATIVE TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES

On January 9, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 25,315 approving electric and gas utility energy efficiency programs and budgets for the 2012 program year. Pursuant to the approved procedural schedule in this docket, the electric and gas utilities are to file their proposed 2013-2014 energy efficiency programs by August 31, 2012. On June 23, 2012, Chapter 281 of the Laws of 2012 (HB 1490) became law. The law amended, among other things, RSA Chapter 125-O to require a portion of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction proceeds to be used to fund electric distribution company core energy efficiency programs effective January 1, 2013. Chapter 281 did not allocate any of the RGGI funds to gas energy efficiency programs. Presently available RGGI funds are approximately \$2 million and RGGI funds are expected to be available in the range of \$3 to \$6 million after January 1, 2013. The Commission directs the electric utilities to formulate proposals for use of the presently available RGGI funds in the current core program year and, further, to include in their 2013-2014 core energy efficiency program filings, due August 31, 2012, proposed uses for these additional RGGI funds.

The filings in this docket, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website:

<http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2010/10-188.html>.

This supplemental order of notice raises, inter alia, issues related to: what amount of RGGI funds will likely remain to be transferred to the energy efficiency fund as of January 1, 2013; how the RGGI funds should be allocated among the electric utilities; how funds should be allocated to residential and C&I programs; whether, and to what extent, funds ought to be specifically allocated to low income programs; whether the RGGI funds should be used to expand existing programs or be used to develop new innovative programs; how the RGGI funds will be accounted for within the core energy efficiency programs; whether, and to what extent, a performance incentive should be earned on the RGGI funds; and whether it would be appropriate to transfer any existing RGGI funds to the core energy efficiency programs prior to January 1, 2013. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the electric utilities formulate proposals for use of the RGGI funds during the current core program year; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the electric utilities include in their 2013-2014 CORE energy efficiency program proposals, due August 31, 2012, uses for the RGGI funds; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a technical session be held at the Commission's offices at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301, on August 1, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the issues raised in this order of notice;


FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Executive Director shall notify all persons desiring to participate in this proceeding by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than July 18, 2012, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which the electric utilities' operations are

conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before August 1, 2012; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to all parties on the service list of this docket and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before July 27, 2012, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32, I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before August 1, 2012.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirteenth day of July, 2012.


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND
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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
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