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Respondent: Eric Steltzer

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Reference page 3, lines 13-20.0-11. According to the GDS Associates, Inc. report, *Additional Opportunities for Energy Efficiency* (page 8), there are Potentially Obtainable residential opportunities to achieve electric annual savings. Given these Potentially Obtainable opportunities to achieve electric kWh savings, why are you recommending implementation of the HPwES program which, for PSNH, provides minimal electric-related savings (reference 2012 Update Filing at page 25)? Please explain.

Response:

We recommend SBC funds be used to fund the fuel neutral HPwES program because we believe it is fair for the reasons stated in our testimony. We would also add that the commission has already determined that it is legal to use SBC funds for non-electric savings. It is also important that when a portfolio of programs is developed, a variety of factors and policy decisions should be considered in structuring the programs. Utilizing a single criteria, such as the availability of additional potentially obtainable kwh savings suggested above, would result in ineffective programs, and are contrary to the GDS recommendations for the HES program.

In addition to the above, OEP believes it is fair to use SBC funds for a fuel-neutral program because it would allow all residential electric ratepayers the ability to participate in the program. Limiting the program only to electrically heated homes would be against market transformation requirements of the Core Programs and it would prevent over 400,000 PSNH residential customers alone from accessing a residential program they contribute funding towards.