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October 18, 2012

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

> Re: DE 12-262 2013-2014 CORE Energy Efficiency



Dear Ms. Howland:

As directed by the Commission's Order of Notice dated October 15, 2012, Public Service Company of New Hampshire has caused to be published a legal notice relative to the above-captioned docket. The legal notice appeared in The Union Leader on October 17, 2012.

Enclosed is the required affidavit of publication with a copy of the legal notice attached.

Sincerely

Matthew J. Fossum Counsel

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I hereby certify that the legal notice: (0000272960) PUB. UTILITIES-2013-2014 CORE was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader printed at Manchester, NH by the Union Leader Corp. On: 10/17/2012.

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough County

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Ine **NH Department of Education**, Division of Higher Education · Higher Education Commission is accepting responses to its request for proposals for Evaluator for Programs at Colleges and Universities through June 30, 2013. To read the RFP, go to

www.education.nh.gov/highered or contact Patricia Edes at (603) 271-0257 or patricia.edes@doe.nh.gov. The deadline for submittal is 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 26, 2012.

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## Legal Notice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DE 12-262 ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES 2013-2014 CORE Electric Energy Efficiency Programs and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 17, 2012, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities; New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Public Service Company of New Hampshire; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (collectively, the Electric Utilities); Energy North Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; and Northern Utilities Inc. d/b/a/ Unitil (collectively, the Gas Utilities) jointly filed with the Commission proposals for the 2013-2014 CORE New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Programs of the Electric Utilities and the Energy Efficiency Plan of the Gas Utilities for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. The filing and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at

http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/ Docketbk/2012/12-262.html.

Funding for the CORE electric energy efficiency programs is provided through the System Benefits Charge paid by ratepayers and is supplemented by funds available through the Independent System Operator-New England's Forward Capacity Market and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). The Electric Utilities state they would also be prepared to use funding from the renewable energy fund under the Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard, RSA 362-F:10, administered by the Commission. They further assert that they will continue to collaborate with other funding sources such as the BetterBuildings program administered by the N.H. Community Development Finance Authority. Funding for the natural gas energy efficiency programs is provided through the conservation charge, a component of the Local Distribution Adjustment Charge. Any unspent funds from prior program years for both the Electric and Gas Utilities are carried forward to the following year's budget, including interest based on the prime rate.

The Electric and Gas Utilities state that they will file an updated plan by September 30, 2013 for the 2014 program year due to a number of likely changes expected to occur in 2013, namely: an updated Avoided Energy Supply Cost Study, measurement and verification studies, program measure changes, a June 1 discount rate adjustment, budget changes resulting from differences in actual kilowatt-hour [kWh) sales from the estimated kWh sales used to estimate overall program funding, and carryover adjustments.

The proposed energy efficiency programs

contained in the 2013-2014 proposal. All 2013 program guidelines and rules will apply to the 2013-2016 commitments and all customer commitments will be made contingent upon the continuation of the program funding.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to RSA 374-F:3, X and whether the proposed programs are reasonable, cost effective, and in the public interest; RSA Chapter 125-O and whether the proposed programs will properly utilize funds from the Energy Efficiency Fund; and whether the proposed programs comply with applicable law and Commission requirements relative to cost effectiveness and the need for program consistency; and whether the Electric and Gas Utilities' proposed calculation of performance incentives for their respective programs complies with Commission orders regarding the calculation of performance incentives. 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 a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 24, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the filing and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15 shall be considered; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, the Electric Utilities, Gas Utilities, Staff of the Commission, and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the filing and allow the utilities to provide any amendments or updates to their filing; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203,12, PSNH shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than October 18, 2012, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 24, 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 the service list and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 22, 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 October 24, 2012.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fifteenth day of October, 2012.

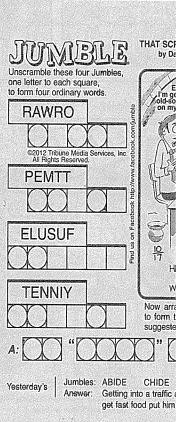
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