STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date: October 25, 2012

TO: Commissioners

FROM: F. Anne Ross, Hearing Examiner

RE: DE 12-262 2013-2014 CORE NH Electric and Gas Energy Efficiency Programs

HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT

At your request, I presided over the October 24, 2011 prehearing conference in the above referenced case.

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., EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities and Northern Utilities, Inc. filed a joint proposal for the CORE NH Electric and Gas Energy Efficiency programs to be implemented during 2013-2014.

Appearances

Matthew Fossum for PSNH Sarah B. Knowlton for Granite State Electric and EnergyNorth d/b/a Liberty Utilities Mark Dean for NH Electric Coop Rachel Aslin Goldwasser for Unitil and Northern Utilities Rob Bowers for NH Community Action Association Dana Nute for The Jordan Institute Alan Linder for The Way Home Brandy Chambers for NH Office of Energy and Planning Tom Rooney for TRC Energy Services Rebecca Ohler for NH Department of Environmental Services Susan W. Chamberlin for OCA Marcia Thunberg for Staff

Intervention Requests

NH OEP NH DES The Way Home TRC The Jordan Institute NH Community Action Association

Objections to Intervention Requests

None

Initial Positions

PSNH supported the joint petition on behalf of the utilities. The Gas utilities corrected a statement on page 3 of the Order of Notice and indicated that they would be seeking performance incentives on all gas savings associated with the HPwES programs. The Way Home indicated its concern with the tight time frame for the docket. OCA took no position on the initial filing, but requested that the Commission Staff issue its audit of the CORE programs before testimony is due in this docket. Staff took no position on the initial filing.

Technical Session

As reported by counsel for PSNH, by letter of October 25, 2012 the parties met in a technical session following the prehearing conference and agreed upon a proposed procedural schedule.

Recommendations

I recommend that the Commission grant all intervention requests.

I recommend that the Commission approve the proposed procedural schedule.

By <u>fun</u> F. Anne Ross, Hearing Examiner