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Kate W. Peters, Acting Chair
Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board
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Dear Kate,

Thank you for your letter of December 23, 2013 conveying a request from the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board that the Commission initiate an informal, non-adjudicative stakeholder process regarding the potential for a New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS). The Commission has followed with interest the publication of the EERS Study and the subsequent discussions of the EESE Board concerning possible next steps toward the adoption of an EERS.

While there is general support for an EERS, there is a great deal of uncertainty as to the specific measures that would comprise such a policy. The EERS study provides a blueprint for setting new energy efficiency goals for the state, but the measures recommended in the study have not been subjected to a rigorous analysis to determine whether they are appropriate for New Hampshire.

With this in mind, I have assigned Les Stachow and Jack Ruderman of the Commission staff to develop a preliminary EERS proposal and to initiate an informal, non-adjudicative process to solicit feedback from members of the EESE Board and other key stakeholders.

You can expect to hear from Les and Jack in the near future. We look forward to working with you as we examine the important policy issues associated with an EERS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Ignatius".

Amy Ignatius
Chairman