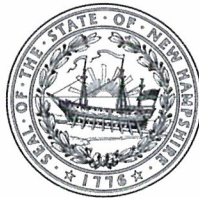


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March 15, 2016

RE: DE 14-078 Electric Assistance Program

To the Parties:

In a letter dated March 7, 2016, the Electric Assistance Program (EAP) Advisory Board (Board) asked the Commission to extend the temporary discount and eligibility levels along with the timeframe for the filing of a recommendation as established in Order No. 25,463. The order approved the increased discount and eligibility levels for a twenty four month period and required the Board to develop a recommendation for EAP discount and eligibility levels sufficiently in advance of April 27, 2016, the expiration of the current discount and eligibility levels. In support of its request, the Board stated that the balance in the EAP fund held by the NH State Treasurer's Office is such that the current discount and eligibility levels are sustainable through the end of the summer.

The Commission has approved the Board's request pursuant to RSA 365:28. Consistent with the request, the deadline for the Board's recommendation is May 1, 2016. Also pursuant to RSA 365:28, the Commission has extended the effectiveness of the current discount and eligibility levels until June 30, 2016. The extensions approved by the Commission are consistent with the intent of Order No. 25, 462, because they permit the continued use of EAP funds to benefit low-income utility customers without compromising the sustainability of the EAP fund. *See also* RSA 369-B:1, VIII (requiring EAP program design that provides maximum benefits to eligible customers).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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