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**Via Electronic Mail and US Mail**

Debra A. Howland  
 Executive Director  
 New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
 Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: DE 14-216; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities  
 2015-2016 CORE NH Electric and Gas Energy Efficiency Programs**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Granite State Electric d/b/a Liberty Utilities (“the Company”), I am writing to inform the Commission that, as detailed in Section IV.C of the 2015-2016 New Hampshire Statewide CORE Energy Efficiency Plan approved by the Commission in its Order No. 25,747 dated December 31, 2014, in Docket DE 14-216, the Company is notifying interested parties of its intention to transfer funds within the Residential sector of its CORE electric energy efficiency programs in order to meet the demand for its ENERGY STAR Homes Program.

The table below reflects the approved budgets for the 2015 CORE New Hampshire Energy Efficiency programs and the transfers. As noted in the table, the Company is requesting to transfer \$25,970.00 from the ENERGY STAR Products Program into the ENERGY STAR Homes Program. The transfer from the ENERGY STAR Products Program constitutes 6.3% of its respective budget. However, the budget transfer into the ENERGY STAR Homes budget represents a 20.0% increase.

| Program              | Budget       | 20% Cap     | Amount Transferred To/(From) | % Transferred |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| ENERGY STAR Products | \$413,897.00 | \$82,779.40 | (\$25,970.00)                | 6.3%          |
| ENERGY STAR Homes    | \$129,850.00 | \$25,970.00 | \$25,970.00                  | 20.0%         |

Due to the struggling housing market in recent years, as well as the adoption of the ENERGY STAR Homes version 3.0 standard, the Company lowered its 2015 program budget for ENERGY STAR Homes relative to historical levels because of anticipated lower demand and difficulty forecasting projects. However, the company has experienced stronger demand for the program during the year than expected because of projects that did not close in 2014 that are now finalized in 2015. The ENERGY STAR Homes Program is a very small program with a small budget in our portfolio. The program is not flexible enough to address the large projects that recently became available. This transfer will not

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place an undue burden on the ENERGY STAR Products Program and will allow us to serve additional projects that are now available.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen R. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'S' and 'H'.

Stephen R. Hall

cc: Service List