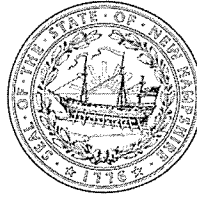


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Ms. Debra A. Howland
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**Re: DE: 14-216 Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a/ Liberty Utilities
2015-2016 Core NH Electric and Gas Energy Efficiency Programs Staff's Recommendation
on Request to Transfer Funds**

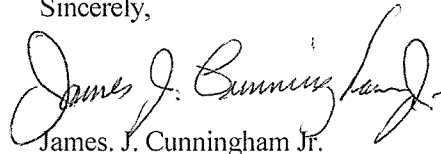
On November 4, 2015, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp., d/b/a/ Liberty Utilities ("Liberty" or "the Company") requested the ability to transfer funds within the C&I sector of its Core electric energy efficiency programs. Specifically, Liberty is requesting to transfer \$200,000 from its Large Business Energy Solutions program to its Small Business Energy Solutions program. This budget transfer represents more than 20 percent of the approved budget; therefore, the Company is filing the budget transfer request with the Commission in accordance with Section IV.C. of the 2015-2016 New Hampshire Statewide Core Energy Efficiency Plan approved by the Commission in its Order No. 25,747.¹

The Company asserts that it has experienced strong demand for LED lighting projects in its Small Business Energy Solutions Program during 2015. Prices of LEDs are decreasing and contractors have been very successful at selling cost-effective projects. In addition, the Company is experiencing delayed projects within its Large Business Energy Solutions program. Specifically, a few very large projects have been deferred into 2016 because of delays in product manufacturing and installation. The Company indicates that approval of this transfer request will allow some Small Business Energy customers to make energy efficiency investments in 2015 rather than delay or change those investments in 2016.

¹ Budget transfers to or from individual programs greater than 20 percent of the individual program's budget shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission's Staff and interested parties may file any comments with the Commission within two weeks of the filing. If no action has been taken by the Commission's staff and interested parties, the budget transfer request shall be deemed approved unless the Commission notifies the company of the need for a more in-depth review within thirty (30) days of the filing.

With respect to Liberty's request to transfer \$200,000 in funds that represents more than 20 percent of the approved budget, Staff supports the transfer. Absent any comments to the contrary by any interested party within two weeks of the filing, and absent Commission notification within 20 days of the need to conduct an in-depth review, Staff believes the transfer will be deemed approved by Section IV.C.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James J. Cunningham Jr." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James J. Cunningham Jr.

Utility Analyst IV

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