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

Re: CORE Energy Efficiency Programs - Docket No. DE 14-216

Dear Ms. Howland:

Section IV.C of the 2015-2016 CORE New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Programs Plan approved by the Commission in its Order No. 25,747 dated December 31, 2014 in Docket DE 14-216, states:

- Once the budgets are approved, there will be no movement of funds between the residential and commercial industrial sectors unless specifically approved by the Commission.
- Budget transfers to or from individual programs of 20% of the individual program's budget or less can be made without consultation and without Commission approval. Notice to the Commission's Staff and interested parties is required.
- Budget transfers to or from individual programs greater than 20% 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 requesting Company of the need for a more in-depth review within thirty (30) days of the filing.

Please let this letter serve as notification that Eversource intends to transfer \$312,000 from the Residential Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) program to the Residential ENERGY STAR Homes program for Program Year 2016 in order to meet year-end demand for its ENERGY STAR Homes program as summarized in the table below. The transfer amounts constitute less than 20% of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program budget and greater than 20% of the ENERGY STAR Homes program budget. Both programs involved in the transfer are within the residential sector.

Eversource has been working with HPwES program contractors toward meeting the goal in this program, but do not believe all projects will be completed in 2016 which will result in lower expenditures than budgeted in 2016. Lower participation than planned in this program is likely due to the mild 2015/2016 winter season. Eversource has recently seen an increase in HPwES program customer applications as residents begin preparations for the 2016/2017 winter heating season, and are confident the 2017 program goals will be met. In contrast, Eversource has experienced greater participation than planned in the ENERGY STAR Homes program. The housing market has improved in 2016 which has resulted in greater participation in the program and home builders are completing projects more quickly. This has resulted in greater participation in the program than planned. Eversource prepared its 2016 program plan using the most recent market information available for its program at the time. Encouragingly, the market conditions have improved and builders are continuing to choose to build to ENERGY STAR standards.

Program	Original 2016 Budget	20% Cap	Amount Transferred To/(From)	Percent Of Budget Transferred	Revised 2016 Budget
Home Performance with ENERGY STAR	\$1,860,400	\$372,080	(\$312,000)	-17%	\$1,548,400
ENERGY STAR Homes	\$957,269	\$191,454	\$312,000	33%	\$1,269,269

Please let us know if there are any questions concerning this request.

Very truly yours,



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cc: DE 14-216 Service List (by electronic mail only)