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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Docket No. DE 15-137, Electric and Gas Utilities, Energy Efficiency Resource Standard

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board (EESE Board) would like to express continued interest and a desire to coordinate with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in its work on an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS). Members of the Board are pleased that the PUC has opened docket no DE 15-137.

The Board has as part of its legislative charge, 125-O:5-a,I(b), "to develop a plan to achieve the state's energy efficiency potential for all fuels, including setting goals and targets for energy efficiency that are meaningful and achievable." As part of that charge the Board spent significant time reviewing the SB 323 Independent Energy Study released in 2011. Adoption of an EERS appeared as a top recommendation from that study and from the Board's own recommendations to the legislature based upon the study. Since that time, the EESE Board has been a venue for discussion and education regarding EERS and related policies and programs among a broad cross-section of interested parties.

While the Board may not be an official intervener in the docket, members plan to be engaged in the process and the Board hopes to offer feedback and information during technical sessions and

through other appropriate channels. To this end, the Board has created a subcommittee on EERS, which will keep the Board updated on the topic and make recommendations for feedback or information the Board may want to share with the PUC.

As a starting point I remind the PUC of the Board's prior comments on Docket IR 15-072 regarding the recent report, "*Energy Efficiency Resource Standard: A Straw Proposal for New Hampshire.*" These comments will hopefully be relevant as the Commission begins its work on DE 15-137.

There are many complex issues to be evaluated in establishing an EERS for New Hampshire. The EESE Board requests the Commission hold a number of technical sessions in order to ensure adequate opportunity for Board members and the public to provide additional input prior to any final Commission order relative to an EERS. The Board would like to offer our monthly meeting as a forum for such a session or for other educational presentations that may inform the conversation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input on this Order of Notice. Please let me know if there are ways that the Board can be helpful as the PUC undertakes this important work.

Sincerely,



Kate Peters
Acting Chair, EESE Board