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**Via Electronic Mail**

Mr. Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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**Re: DE 17-136, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC) Program Budget Notification**

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Section 4.3, Bates page 35, of the 2018-2020 NH Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan approved by the Commission in its Order No. 26,095 dated January 2, 2018 in Docket DE 17-136 states: "The NH Utilities shall provide notification to the Commission if an individual program's actual expenditures are forecasted to exceed 120 percent of the program's budget."

On behalf of NHEC, I am writing to inform the Commission that within the Residential sector, spending for the Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) and Energy Star Products programs will exceed the 120% threshold thereby requiring notification. Spending in the HPwES program in 2021 will be approximately \$1,151,120 or 172% of the original budget. The main drivers that affected program spending in 2021 was the deferral of a large number of projects from 2020 due to the pandemic and continuing strong member demand for residential weatherization services. For the Energy Star Products program, spending in 2021 will be approximately \$1,185,772 or 138% of the original budget, due to strong member participation in the residential HVAC offerings, including mini-split heat pumps and heat pump water heaters. To cover the increase in spending for these two programs, NHEC plans to use a combination of approximately \$337,041, or 62%, from the Energy Star Homes program, due to lower than anticipated program spending, with the balance of \$471,202 coming from residential carry-over funding from program budgets prior to 2021. When viewed in total, NHEC anticipates final spending for the Residential sector in 2021 to be approximately 111% of the original approved budget.

For reference, the table on the following page depicts the approved 2021 budget amounts for each of the programs referenced and the anticipated spending for the year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Woods".

Carol Woods

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Table 1. Budget Notification

Program	Original 2021 Budget	Anticipated 2021 Actual Spend	Anticipated Spending as % of Budget	Variance (Over)/Under
Energy Star Homes	\$540,544	\$203,503	38%	\$337,041
Home Performance with Energy Star	\$670,225	\$1,151,120	172%	(\$480,895)
Energy Star Products	\$858,424	\$1,185,772	138%	(\$327,348)