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Via Electronic Mail

Daniel Goldner
Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Dear Chairman Goldner:

**Re: Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas Corp. both d/b/a Liberty
DE 17-136 Program Budget Notification**

Section 4.3, Bates 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 Granite State Electric Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Granite State"), I am writing to inform the Commission that within the Residential sector, Granite State expects spending for the ENERGY STAR Products program in 2021 will be \$494,049, or 134%, of the original budget. To cover the increase in spending for the ENERGY STAR Products program, Granite State is utilizing \$162,000, or 45%, from the ENERGY STAR Homes program due to the deferral of in-progress projects now forecasted to be completed in 2022, and \$27,900, or 23%, from the Home Energy Reports program due to lower than anticipated spending. When viewed in total, the preliminary final spending for Granite State in the Residential sector in 2021 is 94% of the original budget.

On behalf of Granite State Electric Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Granite State"), I am also writing to inform the Commission that within the Commercial sector, Granite State expects spending for the Small Business program in 2021 will be \$1,612,530, or 133%, of the original budget. To cover the increase in spending for the Small Business program, Granite State is utilizing \$403,658, or 21%, from the Large Business program due to lower than anticipated spending. When viewed in total, the preliminary final spending for Granite State in the Commercial sector in 2021 is 93% of the original budget.

On behalf of Energy North Natural Gas Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("EnergyNorth"), I am writing to inform the Commission that within the Residential sector, EnergyNorth expects spending for the Home



Performance with ENERGY STAR program in 2021 will be \$1,297,037, or 126%, of the original budget, due to strong demand for residential weatherization services. To cover the increase in spending for the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program, EnergyNorth is utilizing \$180,000, or 21%, from the ENERGY STAR Homes program due to the deferral of in-progress projects now forecasted to be completed in 2022, and \$28,000, or 10%, from the Home Energy Reports program due to lower than anticipated spending, and \$2,000, or .21% from the ES Products program. When viewed in total, the preliminary final spending for EnergyNorth in the Residential sector in 2021 is 99% of the original budget.

For reference, the following table depicts the original budget amounts for each of the programs referenced in 2021 and the preliminary actual spending for the year.

Table 1. Budget Notification				
Program	Original Budget, 2021	Preliminary Actual Spend, 2021	Preliminary Spend as % of Budget	Difference
Granite State Electric				
ENERGY STAR Products	\$367,436	\$494,049	134%	\$126,613
ENERGY STAR Homes	\$359,195	\$158,777	44%	(\$200,418)
Home Energy Reports	\$121,300	\$78,835	65%	(\$42,465)
Small Business	\$1,208,872	\$1,612,530	133%	\$403,658
Large Business	\$1,898,824	\$1,338,326	70%	(\$560,499)
EnergyNorth Natural Gas				
Home Performance with ENERGY STAR	\$1,029,960	\$1,297,037	126%	\$267,077
ENERGY STAR Homes	\$874,689	\$595,252	68%	(\$279,437)
Home Energy Reports	\$286,995	\$218,148	76%	(\$68,847)
ENERGY STAR Products	\$964,367	\$837,095	87%	(\$127,272)



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

Sincerely,

Matthew DeCoursey

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