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New Hampshire Public Utility Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**Re: Docket No. DE 10-188 – Electric and Gas Utilities
2011-2012 CORE Electric Energy Efficiency Programs and Natural Gas
Energy Efficiency Programs**

Dear Director Howland:

In Order No. 25,189 (Dec. 30, 2010), entered in Docket DE 10-188, the Commission set forth the following requirements and recommendations: “With regard to gas hot water heaters, we direct the Gas Utilities to discontinue offering an incentive for storage hot water heaters that no longer qualify for EnergyStar® rating (less than .67 EF) and we urge them to consider an additional incentive for higher efficiency condensing water heaters (EF of .8 or greater) that do not otherwise qualify for higher planned incentives as ‘Condensing Stand Alone 75 to 300 MBH’ or ‘Integrated water heater/condensing boiler’ as they become available in the marketplace.” *Order No. 25,189* at 25 (Dec. 30, 2010). This letter is intended to provide the Commission with an update regarding this requirement.

With respect to storage hot water heaters, the Gas Utilities have updated the Residential High-Efficiency, Water Heating and Controls Program (NH Gas Networks) measure list, have removed the .62 EF Storage Water Heater, and have added in its place the .67 EF Storage Water Heater (providing a \$100 rebate for .67 EF Storage Water Heaters). The Gas Utilities have also investigated higher efficiency condensing water heaters (EF .8 or greater, less than 75,000 MMBtu), and found that such heaters are not currently commercially available. However, the Gas Utilities will continue to monitor the availability of these boilers and will add them to the measure list after they are commercially available. The Gas Utilities continue to monitor and evaluate other measures which would appropriately be added to the Gas Networks program.

Yours truly,



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