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Re: DE 10-188 2011-2012 CORE Energy Efficiency Programs  
Revised Energy Efficiency Budgets for 2012 for Natural Gas Companies  
Staff Recommendation

Dear Ms. Howland:

In Order No. 25,315, the Commission approved a settlement agreement, as amended at hearing, proposing updates to program year 2012 for the Gas Energy Efficiency Programs. The settlement agreement included a provision addressing unspent 2011 carryover funds and the Commission allowed EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH and Northern until March 12, 2012 to determine the final amount of any unspent 2011 carryover funds; and, as a result, how much should remain in the 2012 budgets and how much should be credited to customers through the LDAC. The Companies made the filings on March 12, 2012. On March 26, 2012, National Grid NH filed additional supporting material; and, on March 28, 2012, Northern filed additional supporting material.

Northern has determined that its 2011 carryover consists of \$90,000 from the Residential Sector and \$60,000 from the C&I Sector. Based on the Company's projected market demand for energy efficiency projects in 2012, the Company proposes to expend these funds in 2012 and has revised its 2012 budget accordingly.

National Grid NH has determined that its 2011 carryover consists of \$1.2 million from the Residential Sector and \$1.9 million from the C&I Sector. With respect to its 2011 Residential carryover, National Grid NH proposes to increase the 2012 Residential Low Income program budget by approximately \$287,000, with the remaining \$898,000 credited to Residential

customers in the 2012-2013 Winter CGA – LDAC mechanism. Despite increased marketing effort, the Company has concluded that it will be unable to spend the \$1.9 million carryover in the C&I Sector and proposes to credit customers in the 2012-2013 Winter CGA-LDAC mechanism as contemplated by the Commission in Order No. 25,286 at 13-14.

Staff has reviewed the March 12, 2012 filings as well as the additional supporting materials filed by the companies on March 26 and 28, 2012, and believes that the proposed adjustments to the 2012 budgets are reasonable and recommends the Commission approve the budgets.

Sincerely,



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