

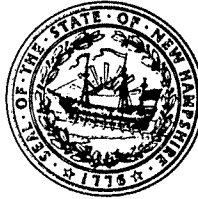
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RE: Electric Assistance Program

Dear Ms. Howland:

In anticipation of the reduction in the electric assistance program (EAP) portion of the system benefits charge on June 30, 2011, the EAP advisory board has begun reviewing what a sustainable enrollment level will be at a funding level of 1.5 mills per kWh. Additionally, the EAP advisory board has also begun exploring options for reducing the current enrollment level to the sustainable level by June 30, 2011.

As part of its review, the advisory board is examining, among other things, the EAP discount levels, the target percentage of income for the discounts, and the federal poverty guideline threshold for eligibility for the program. The advisory board anticipates filing recommendations for the Commission's consideration in November 2010 which it believes will assist the Commission in evaluating how to best provide meaningful benefits to the most customers on July 1, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda O. Noonan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amanda O. Noonan
Consumer Affairs Director