

GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY
ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVISION

Customers served under Rate Schedules D, D-10 and T of Granite State Electric Company (the Company) may be eligible to receive discounts pursuant to the Company's Electric Assistance Program. Customers participating in the Electric Assistance Program will continue to take service pursuant to their respective Rate Schedules, but will receive a percent discount off of the total amount billed for the first 700 kWh consumed per month, exclusive of the Electricity Consumption Tax and the Water Heater Rental fee, under such Rate Schedules. Discounts provided under the Electric Assistance Program are identified below and shall be funded by the System Benefits Charge in accordance with the System Benefits Charge Provision included on Page 77 of this tariff.

| <u>Tier</u> | <u>Percentage of Federal Poverty Guidelines</u> | <u>Discount</u> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | 176-185 | 5% (Not available to new applicants) |
| 2 | 151-175 | 7% |
| 3 | 126-150 | 18% |
| 4 | 101-125 | 33% |
| 5 | 76-100 | 48% |
| 6 | 0-75 | 70% |

Eligibility criteria and benefit levels shall be based upon Federal Poverty Guidelines and are stated above for each tier. Community Action Agencies of New Hampshire shall be responsible for certifying customer qualification in the Electric Assistance Program and shall notify the Company of a customer's enrollment into the Electric Assistance Program and the applicable tier that would determine the discount that the Company should apply.

Effective March 4, 2011, the income eligibility for participation in the Electric Assistance Program is at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and Tier 1 will no longer be available to new participants, including customers who may be on the waiting list or any other customer of the Company. Participating customers receiving the Tier 1 discount as of March 4, 2011 shall continue to receive the discount until their next recertification, at such time they shall be reevaluated under the then existing eligibility guidelines.

The availability of the Electric Assistance Program shall be subject to approval by the Public Utilities Commission.

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