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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: DE 12-262 Carryover of Liberty Utilities NH Gas HEA Energy Efficiency
Program Funds from 2012 to 2013

Dear Ms. Howland:

On July 23, 2013, EnergyNorth Natural Gas d/b/a/Liberty Utilities NH notified the Commission that the Company intends to carry forward unused funds amounting to \$189,576 from its 2012 gas energy efficiency budget to its 2013 program year. On July 23, 2013, Staff asked the Company for additional information to update the benchmark for the 2013 programs to incorporate the carry forward of 2012 Home Energy Assistance (HEA) funds. Subsequently, in response to informal data requests, EnergyNorth provided the requested information showing that the carryover is expected to increase the participant goal for the HEA program by 51 customers in 2013, from 156 to 207. Also, the program will continue to be cost effective, with a benefit to cost ratio of 1.1. Staff has requested that EnergyNorth file this information with the Commission so the the benchmark for purposes of calculating 2013 performance incentives can be updated. The Company has agreed to file this information. Finally, Staff is of the opinion that the proposed carry forward of the low income HEA program monies is consistent with Commission Order No. 24,109 dated December 31, 2002 wherein it states, in part, that EnergyNorth's low income program budgets were "dedicated" – i.e., such budgets could not be siphoned away to other programs.

Based on the above, Staff believes that the carry forward of 2012 HEA program funds to 2013 HEA program funds is reasonable. The Company will be filing information updating the benchmark for purposes of calculating performance incentives for 2013. Because, the carry over is permitted in the CORE program, Staff believes no further action is necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia A. Brown".

Marcia A. Brown
Staff Attorney

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