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November 1, 2013

Re: DE 12-262, 2013-2014 Core NH Electric and Gas Energy Efficiency Programs

To the Parties:

In its Order No. 25,554 (July 26, 2013), the Commission approved, among other things, a temporary increase of \$5,000 to \$8,000 in the Home Energy Assistance (HEA) program per-customer spending cap. In that order, the Commission also directed interested parties to develop a recommendation regarding the appropriate per-household spending cap once federal funds became available to leverage the energy efficiency program funds.

On September 27, 2013, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed on behalf of the Core electric utilities a request that the changes implemented following Order No. 25,554 be allowed to continue through the end of 2013. PSNH stated that although it expected federal funds to be released in October 2013, the electric utilities did not believe they could modify the HEA program during the short time frame between when they file the HEA program recommendation in November 2013 and the end of the year. PSNH also noted that the electric utilities made recommendations on the HEA program for program year 2014. Finally, PSNH stated that the Office of the Consumer Advocate, The Way Home, the Department of Environmental Services, Office of Energy & Planning (OEP), the Community Action Agencies (CAAs), TRC Energy Services, and the Jordan Institute concurred with the request.

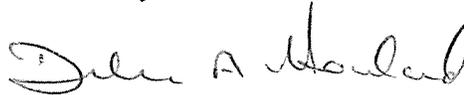
On September 30, 2013, Staff filed a recommendation supporting the continuation of the \$8,000 per customer cap through the end of 2013. Staff stated that the issue was discussed at the September 16, 2013 energy efficiency quarterly meeting. According to Staff, OEP reported that it expected the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) would release funds in October 2013 but that the OEP did not believe the funds would be immediately available to the CAAs. Staff also noted that OEP had indicated that there was some question as to whether OEP would even receive the full \$1,186,108 WAP allocation.

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Please be advised that the Commission has authorized the electric utilities to continue the changes implemented following Order No. 25,554. This authorization remains effective until a decision is rendered on the changes proposed in the electric utilities' 2014 program update filing. A hearing on the update filing has been scheduled for December 6, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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