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By Overnight and Electronic Mail

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 12-262 Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities (“the Company”), I am writing to inform the Commission that, as detailed in Section I(K) of the 2013-2014 CORE New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Programs Plan, and in Section II(A) of the Settlement Agreement approved by Order No. 25,462, the Company is requesting the ability to transfer funds within the Residential sector of its CORE electric energy efficiency programs in order to meet year end demand for its ENERGY STAR Homes program and balance a projected underspend within its Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and ENERGY STAR Appliances programs.

The table below reflects the approved budgets for the Company’s 2013 CORE New Hampshire Energy Efficiency programs and the requested transfers. As noted in the table, the Company is requesting to transfer \$20,000 from the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program and \$35,000 from the ENERGY STAR Appliances Program into the ENERGY STAR Homes program. The transfers from the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and ENERGY STAR Appliances programs constitute less than 20% of their respective budgets. However, the budget transfer into the ENERGY STAR Homes budget represents an 80% increase and thus requires approval by the Commission pursuant to Section I(K) of the 2013-2014 CORE New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Programs Plan.

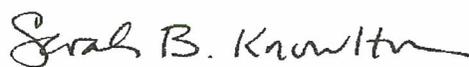
Program	Budget	20% Cap	Amount Transferred To/(From)	% Transferred
Home Performance with ENERGY STAR	\$165,719	\$33,144	(\$20,000)	12%
ENERGY STAR Appliances	\$234,292	\$46,858	(\$35,000)	15%
ENERGY STAR Homes	\$68,591	\$13,718	\$55,000	80%

Due to the struggling housing market in recent years, as well as the adoption of the ENERGY STAR Homes version 3.0 standard, the Company lowered its 2013 program budget for ENERGY STAR Homes relative to historical levels because of anticipated lower demand. However, the Company has experienced stronger demand for the program during the year than expected because of the housing market recovery and success with builders adopting the new program standards. The Company has projected a year-end underspend within its Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and ENERGY STAR Appliances program and wants to leverage the projected underspend funds to provide incentives for additional ENERGY STAR Homes program participants in 2013.

For 2014, the Company raised its proposed program budget for ENERGY STAR Homes by 40%, compared to 2013 budget levels, to \$96,320 in order to ensure adequate funds are available relative to projected demand.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Sarah B. Knowlton

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