

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 12-262**

**ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES**

**2013-2014 Core Electric and Energy Efficiency Programs and  
Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE REGARDING FUNDING FOR  
MUNICIPAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS**

On September 13, 2013, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities; New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Public Service Company of New Hampshire; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (collectively, the Electric Utilities); Energy North Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, and Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil (collectively, the Gas Utilities) jointly filed with the Commission updated proposals for the 2014 Core New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Programs of the Electric Utilities and the Energy Efficiency Plan of the Gas Utilities for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The Commission approved the Electric and Gas Utilities' energy efficiency programs for the period 2013-2014 by Order No. 25,462, dated February 1, 2013, and authorized the utilities to file updated budgets and program proposals for 2014. The filing and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-262.html>.

In addition to providing updated estimates on program budgets, the Electric Utilities incorporated municipal participation for the first time. On July 24, 2013, Senate Bill 123 (SB 123) became law and amended RSA 125-O:23, II-III (Multiple Pollutant Reduction Program) effective January 1, 2014, to require that certain proceeds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas

Initiative Program be allocated to municipal and local government energy efficiency projects.

Specifically, the law states in part:

“All remaining proceeds received by the state from the sale of allowances shall be allocated by the commission as an additional source of funding to electric distribution companies for core energy efficiency programs which are approved by the commission and funded by SBC funds. Beginning January 1, 2014, the core utilities shall dedicate up to \$2,000,000 of these remaining RGGI proceeds annually for municipal and local government energy efficiency projects, including projects by local governments that have their own municipal utilities. Funding elements shall include, but not be limited to, funding for direct technical and project management assistance to identify and encourage comprehensive projects and incentives structured to assist municipal and local governments funding energy efficiency projects.”

In response, the Electric Utilities propose a year-one program within their existing commercial and industrial programs. The Electric Utilities state the program incorporates a fuel blind component and encompasses a flexible approach for technical assistance.

On September 25, 2013, Staff and the parties filed an assented-to proposed procedural schedule. In light of the fact that municipalities are now eligible for the electric energy efficiency programs, the Commission is re-noticing this docket. If the Electric Utilities' proposal is approved, interested municipalities would apply to their electric distribution company to participate in the Core program. Municipalities do not need to intervene in the Commission's docket in order to be eligible to participate.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to RSA 374-F:3, X and whether the proposed programs are reasonable, cost effective, and in the public interest; and RSA Chapter 125-O and whether the proposed programs properly utilize funds. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, the procedural schedule as follows:

Data Requests from the Parties	September 27 2013
Data Responses	October 11, 2013
Technical Session, 9 AM	October 18, 2013
Testimony	November 1, 2013
Data Requests on 11/1/13 Testimony	November 8, 2013
Data Responses	November 18, 2013
Settlement Conference, 9 AM	November 22, 2013
Settlement Agreement to be Filed	November 27, 2013
Hearing, 10 AM	December 6, 2013

is hereby approved; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Commission shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by posting a copy of this Order of Notice no later than October 4, 2013, on the Commission website and distributing this notice electronically to New Hampshire municipalities through the Office of Energy and Planning and the Municipal Association; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a petition to intervene with copies sent to the Electric Utilities and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 15, 2013, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before October 18, 2013.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this first day of October,  
2013.

  
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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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