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State of New Hampshire
Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Delivery Service Tariff NHPUC No. 8 Effective August 14, 2013

Dear Ms. Howland:

In compliance with the Commission's Order No. 25,544 dated July 15, 2013 in Docket DE 13-180 (Statewide Low Income Electric Assistance Program, Order Addressing EAP Fund Surplus), the following tariff pages are transmitted herewith:

NHPUC No. 8 – Electricity Delivery Service
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In its Order No. 25,544, the Commission approved two changes to the Electric Assistance Program (EAP) that were proposed by the EAP Advisory Board as a result of a surplus that has accumulated in the EAP fund. The enclosed tariff pages reflect a change in the monthly usage eligible for the discount (the "eligibility cap") from 700 to 750 kilowatt-hours use per month, as well as a temporary 10% increase in the discount percentages for Tiers 2 through 6. The new discounts will be in effect for two years before reverting to current levels.

Customers on Rate EAP will be notified of these changes through a bill message. The message will appear during the first month of billing following the effective date.

Additionally, Tier 1 was closed to new applicants by NHPUC Order 25,200 effective March 4, 2011. Customers served under Tier 1 could remain there until recertified by their Electric Assistance Program Administrator. The Company has been notified that the remaining customers should be removed from Tier 1. As a result, we have revised the tariff to change the qualifying household income level from 185% (former Tier 1 level) to 175% of the federal poverty guidelines, and the reference to the Tier 1 discount level has been removed.

Please let us know if there are any questions concerning this filing. We are enclosing a black-lined version of the tariff pages as well as one signed original copy of all filing materials and three conformed

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copies. We request that one conformed copy bearing the Commission's date-of-receipt stamp be returned.

Very truly yours,



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Analyst, Rates Department

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Enclosures
cc: Susan Chamberlin, OCA