



June 17, 2015

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

RE: Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Energy Efficiency Programs, Docket 14-216
 Home Performance with Energy Star Programs Budget Transfer

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (“UES” or the “Company”) requesting approval, pursuant to Section IV (C) of the 2015-2016 CORE New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Programs Plan approved by Order No 25,747 for a transfer of funds between programs within the Residential Sector in order to meet greater than expected demand for the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) program.¹

Due to continually increasing demand for the HPwES program, including the participation of an electrically heated multi-family project with excellent kWh savings, the Company has already committed its entire 2014 budget and has started a customer waiting list. The program has also far exceeded its annual kWh goal. As a result, the Company seeks approval for a \$60,000 transfer into the HPwES program from the ENERGY STAR Products program to continue serving customers.

The table below reflects the 2015 CORE New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Programs budgets as stated in the Company’s 2015-2016 filing, as well as amounts to be transferred to the HPwES program from the ENERGY STAR Products program.

Program	Approved Budget	20% Transfer Threshold	Amount Requested To/(From)	Total % Requested
Home Performance with ENERGY STAR	\$322,990	\$64,598	\$60,000	18.6%
ENERGY STAR Products	\$365,000	\$73,000	(\$60,000)	16.4%

¹ Section IV(C) of the Plan states: “Budget transfers to or from individual programs greater than 20% of the individual program’s budget shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission’s Staff and interested parties may file any comments with the Commission within two weeks of the filing. If no action has been taken by the Commission’s Staff and interested parties, the budget transfer request shall be deemed approved unless the Commission notifies the requesting Company of the need for a more in-depth review within thirty (30) days of the filing.”

Given the demand for the residential weatherization program, the Company has increased its funding for HPwES year over year, from \$211k in 2013 to \$260k in 2014 (including a budget transfer of \$69,000) to \$323k in 2015. The current budget transfer will result in a total HPwES budget in 2015 of \$382,990, or an 82% increase since 2013.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,



Mary Downes
Manager, Administration and Compliance

cc: DE 14-216 Service List