



DE 14-216

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**Via Electronic Mail and Hand-Delivery**

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**Re: DE 14-216 Liberty Utilities (Energy North Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, 2015-2016 CORE NH Electric and Gas Energy Efficiency Programs**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Energy North Natural Gas Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (“the Company”), I am writing to inform the Commission, as detailed in Section IV.C of the 2015-2016 New Hampshire Statewide CORE Energy Efficiency Plan approved by the Commission in its Order No. 25,747 dated December 31, 2014 in Docket DE 14-216, of the Company’s intention to transfer funds within the Residential sector of its CORE gas energy efficiency programs in order to meet year-end demand for its Home Energy Assistance program.

Specifically, the Company intends to transfer \$119,000 into the Home Energy Assistance program from a portion of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program, a portion of the Building Practices & Demonstration program and a portion of the ENERGY STAR Products program. Table 1 outlines the specific program budget transfers and its impact on each respective program’s budget. As shown, each of the program transfers constitutes less than 20% of their respective program budgets.

Table 1. Budget Transfer				
Program	Original Budget	20% Cap	Amount Transferred To/(From)	% Transferred
Home Energy Assistance	\$895,000	\$179,000	\$119,000	+13%
Building Practices & Demonstration	\$298,000	\$59,600	(\$20,000)	-7%
ENERGY STAR Products	\$995,000	\$199,000	(\$15,000)	-2%
Home Performance with ENERGY STAR	\$645,815	\$129,163	(\$84,000)	-13%

The Company has experienced a decline in demand for its Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program in 2016, specifically within the multifamily market, and therefore is projecting an underspend for the year. The Company is also projecting an underspend in its third party financing offering through the Building Practices & Demonstration program due to a decline in customer loan application submittals, as well as a slight softening in demand within its ENERGY STAR products program. Demand

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for the Home Energy Assistance program remains strong, and therefore the Company wants to serve additional customers in 2016 through the projected available funds described.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen R. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" and "H".

Stephen R. Hall

cc: Service List