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Re: February 2015 monthly cost of energy over/under report (DG 14 – 233)

Dear Ms. Howland,

Enclosed is the February 2015 over/under report. The February 2015 report is hereby filed to reflect the actual fuel costs from November 2014 to January 2015 and the projected costs of February 2015 through October 2015.

There is a decrease of just over 1% in expected overall monthly steam sales and a 5% increase of anticipated fuel cost since the beginning of the COE year (Nov 2014). As a result, the enclosed February report reflects a COE end of year under-collection of approximately \$126,373. The increase in fuel costs were a result of a fire at the facility that damaged control wiring for our wood system causing us to use an additional 19,000 MMBtu's of natural gas over a 10 day period (January 4th to the 14th). There was a resulting \$140,000 in additional fuel costs due to the higher cost of gas per MMBtu than wood.

Because the \$126,373 under-collection is 4% of the overall expected fuel costs for the year and all of the costs for January 2014 have been fully reconciled, we are adjusting the COE rate at this time. The adjusted rate is expected to result in lowering the overall under-collection to \$55,000 by COE year-end.

The February 2015 tariff is \$25.10/mlb, the March 2015 rate will be changed to \$26.10 in accordance with DG 14-233. A modified tariff page 11 is attached herein.

If there are any questions please call me.

Yours Truly,

Mark E. Saltsman
Vice President