

June 10, 2021

Debra A. Howland Executive Director NH Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2492

Dear Ms. Howland,

Section 4.3, Bates page 35, of the 2018-2020 NH Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan approved by the Commission in its Order No. 26,095 dated January 2, 2018 in Docket DE 17-136 states: "The NH Utilities shall provide notification to the Commission if an individual program's actual expenditures are forecasted to exceed 120 percent of the program's budget." Subsequently, Commission Order 26,440 approved a short-term extension of the 2020 Energy Efficiency Programs with "current program funding levels", which the Company has interpreted to mean those approved by the Commission for program year 2020.

Given the extraordinary demand for residential weatherization services experienced to date in 2021, in part due to a relaxing of restrictions imposed during program year 2020 due to COVID-19, the Company has exceeded the 120 percent threshold for its natural gas Home Performance with Energy Star program based on the approved 2020 program year budget and is submitting this letter as official notification.

For reference, the table on the following page depicts the actual spending compared to the approved 2020 budget, the proposed 2021 budget, as well as the proposed 2021-2023 budgets for both the gas HPwES program as well as the gas residential sector as a whole (not including the income eligible programs).

Sincerely,

Mary Downes

Manager, Administration and Compliance

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