

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES

**2015-2016 Core Electric Energy Efficiency Programs and
Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs**

**Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,812 Approving Eversource Energy's Request to
Transfer 2014 Surplus Core Funds to 2015 and 2016 Program Years**

On September 11, 2015, the Commission issued an order *nisi*, approving the transfer of \$1,255,827 of surplus funds from Eversource Energy's (Eversource) Core Energy Efficiency Program budget for program year 2014 into various programs in program year 2015. In the normal course, all surplus 2014 funds would be incorporated into the 2016 Core Update Plan, because that is the first plan required to be filed for approval following the final calculation of surplus 2014 funds. Instead, the Commission approved Eversource's request to transfer \$1,119,009 to its 2015 program year budget in the following manner: \$373,131 to the Municipal program, \$300,663 to the Residential Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) program; and \$445,215 to the Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Small Business Energy Solutions (Small Business) program budget. The Commission also approved Eversource's request to transfer the remaining balance of unexpended 2014 program year funds, \$136,818, to its budget for the 2016 Residential Home Energy Assistance (HEA) program. Eversource will file its 2016 Core Update Plan by September 30, 2015.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2014/14-216.html>

At the end of program year 2014 Eversource had unexpended funds in the amount of \$1,255,827 for its Core Energy Efficiency Program budget. Eversource's 2015 annual budgets for the HPwES, Municipal and Small Business programs were fully committed before the end of June 2015. These programs experienced increased demand as a result of high energy prices, increased marketing of the programs, and increased customer demand for LED lighting technology. The Commission found the programs to be cost effective and consistent with the requirements of RSA 374-F:3, and approved the transfers in order to allow additional energy efficiency projects to be completed by year-end 2015, in the approximate amounts of: 101 HPwES projects, 135 Small Business projects, and 47 Municipal projects.

To ensure that all interested parties receive notice of this docket and have an opportunity to request a hearing, the Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval until September 28, 2015. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's approval may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, which states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than September 22, 2015. Any party interested in responding to any such comment or request for hearing shall do so no later than September 24, 2015. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its approval. The Commission's approval shall otherwise become final and effective on September 28, 2015, unless the Commission orders otherwise.