

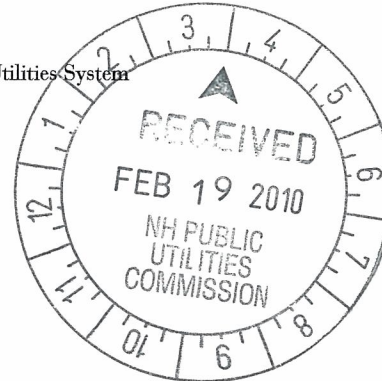


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February 19, 2010

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

Re: Docket DE 09-170 Recommendations and Proposed Budget Revisions for the 2010 CORE NH Energy Efficiency Programs due to Senate Bill 300

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the Supplemental Order of Notice in the above-captioned matter, enclosed please find the original and six copies of updated recommendations and budgets submitted by the four New Hampshire Electric Utilities to address changes resulting from the passage of Senate Bill 300. These revised budgets are based on funding from the System Benefits Charge and Forward Capacity Market revenues and do not take into consideration the potential for funding from other sources such as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Cutting the 2010 budget by 0.3 mills/kWh as required by SB300 results in a shortfall of \$3.2 million. National Grid, Unitil and Public Service Company of New Hampshire were able to reconfigure their budgets with carryover funds, reallocation of funds from certain budget items and resources unique to each utility in order to fill the budget shortfall. For example, PSNH reallocated funds that have been previously set aside pursuant to RSA 125-O:5. The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative also undertook these efforts to reallocate funds; however, the Cooperative still projects a budget shortfall of approximately \$148,534. The Cooperative seeks funding from the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund, pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 2604.01(b)(2), to eliminate this shortfall.

The parties and Staff met on February 12, 2010 and addressed several issues raised by the preliminary budgets filed on February 5, 2010. Copies of the Electric Utilities' updated budgets have been provided to the persons on the attached Service List. We understand that the hearing scheduled for February 23, 2010 has been rescheduled for March 1, 2010.

Very truly yours,

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Senior Counsel

Enclosures  
cc: Electronic Service List