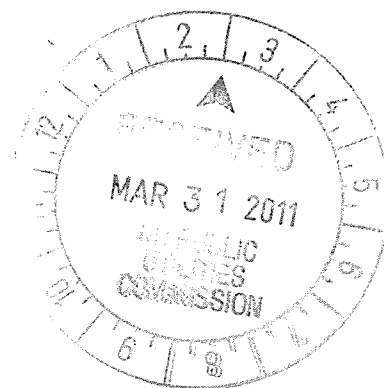




March 31, 2011

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



RE: NH CORE and Gas Utilities ("the Utilities") Home Performance with Energy Star ("HPwES") program compliance with Order No. 25,189 items due March 31, 2011

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Utilities regarding the above-referenced matter.

The Order specified that the Utilities "agree to issue a public solicitation of interest from contractors interested in providing services under the HPwES pilot program. The Utilities also agreed, by no later than March 31, 2011, to modify their web sites to allow contractors to use the web site to notify the utilities of their interest and to request additional information be sent to them." Order No. 25,189 at 25-26. The Utilities were also directed to report to the Commission "by March 31, 2011 with the progress they have made toward achieving a more open and continuous contractor qualification and enrollment methodology." Id. at 26.

Solicitation of Interest

On or about March 22, 2011, the Utilities issued the Solicitation of Interest ("SOL") to the following:

- DE 10 -188 Service List;
- NH Home Builders Association (Build Green NH)
- Home Energy Rating System Alliance
- Dana Nute on behalf of the NH CAP Agencies
- Building Performance Institute
- Residential Energy Performance Association

The Utilities understand that the Home Builders Association, the NH CAP Agencies, and the Residential Performance Association forwarded the SOL to their members, or other lists of parties who would be interested in the solicitation. Most home performance contractors should have received the SOL via a member email from the Residential Energy Performance Association.

Additionally, the Solicitation of Interest appeared in the Legal Notices section of the NH Union Leader on March 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

Fifty three contractors responded to the Solicitation of Interest on or before March 29, 2011.

Updating Utility Web Sites

Prior to March 31, 2011, the Utilities updated their websites as required. Please see the web links listed below for further information:

National Grid	https://www.powerofaction.com/nhrghenergyaudit/ Solicitation of Interest for NH Contractors link at bottom of page
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative	http://www.nhec.com/contractor_resources.php
Public Service of New Hampshire	http://www.psnh.com/Templates/Blog.aspx?blogid=4294967566
Unitil	http://www.unitil.com/energy-efficiency -- drop down New Hampshire -- drop down Residential, see DER/RFP bottom right. Alternatively, see http://www.unitil.net/der/

Progress Update

Over the past several months, the utilities have been working to develop a uniform list of qualifications for contractors. The Utilities are working to develop a methodology for contractor enrollment which fairly balances the costs of managing contractor enrollment and work product, and is "more open and continuous," in accordance with the Commission's Order.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,



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