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Re: Docket DE 10-188
Core Energy Efficiency Programs
Supplemental Order of Notice
Procedural Issues



Dear Ms. Howland:

As you know, this docket has been assigned to Staff Attorney Marcia Thunberg. Due to the time constraints in this docket, Attorney Thunberg has asked me in her absence to file this letter seeking clarification of the Supplemental Order of Notice issued on July 13, 2012. Staff is filing this letter on behalf of the parties who attended the August 1, 2012 technical session.

The Supplemental Order of Notice stated that \$2 million is presently available from Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) fund. The Supplemental Order of Notice directed the electric utilities to formulate proposals for use of those funds in the 2012 Core electric energy efficiency program year. Is it correct to conclude that this phase of the proceeding is being conducted pursuant to Puc 2604.01(b)(2)? In other words, is it correct that the Commission does not intend to open a separate proceeding under Puc 2604.01(b)(3) to use the presently available RGGI money to fund programs other than the 2012 Core electric energy efficiency programs?

The Supplemental Order of Notice also referenced RGGI funds, (\$3 to \$6 million) that are expected to be available after January 1, 2013. Staff assumes that the referenced RGGI funds are the estimated proceeds to the RGGI fund resulting from the September 2012 and December 2012 RGGI allowance auctions. The Supplemental Order of Notice also directed the electric utilities to develop proposals for the use of these additional RGGI funds in the 2012-2014 Core electric energy efficiency program filings that are

presently due on September 17, 2012. The following questions relate to these additional funds.

- 1) Will the Commission consider using the additional RGGI funds to finance proposals other than the 2013-2014 Core electric efficiency programs? If so, will the Commission open a separate adjudication for such proposals pursuant to Puc 2604.01(b)(3)?
- 2) Assuming that any proposals for RGGI auction proceeds received in 2012 provide for transfer of monies from the RGGI fund to Core or non-Core programs before January 1, 2013, is it the Commission's view that those monies may be expended by program administrators for projects undertaken after January 1, 2013?

Finally, Staff canvassed the parties to determine if there was agreement that the first phase of the docket, related to the allocation of presently available RGGI funds in the 2012 Core energy efficiency programs, could be approved by the Commission without a hearing. Staff was unable to get unanimous agreement on this procedural point.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Staff Attorney

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