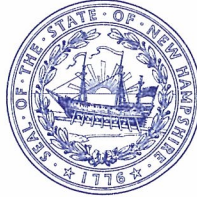


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Re: DE 10-188 CORE Electric Energy Efficiency and  
Gas Energy Efficiency Programs  
Staff Concurrence with Unitil and Northern Tariff Revisions for CDFA Grant

Dear Ms. Howland:

On August 21, 2012, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil) and Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) filed amended tariff pages for the Residential Energy Efficiency Loan Programs. The tariff contained an effective date of September 1, 2012 and the 30-day notice requirement for filed tariffs expires today. In support of the tariffs, Unitil and Northern attached copies of the executed agreement between Unitil, Northern, and New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA).

Staff has spoken with Unitil and Northern and understands that the loan program contains implementation provisions that are similar to what Public Service Company of New Hampshire explained in its letter dated May 18, 2012: no shareholder incentive is earned on the loan program; CDFA funds will be tracked separately from any System Benefit Charge or Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative funds; the collaboration agreement with CDFA runs through April 2013; and that the funds are supplementing programs that are already approved by the Commission.

It also became evident in Staff's discussions with Unitil and Northern that certain typographical errors exist in the filed tariffs. Staff understands Unitil and Northern will be re-filing corrected versions of the tariffs. In conclusion, Staff recommends the tariffs be allowed to go into effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia A. B. Thunberg".

Marcia A. B. Thunberg  
Staff Attorney

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