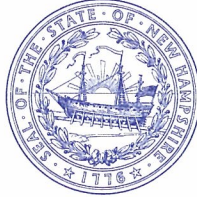


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August 16, 2012

Re: DE 10-188 Electric and Gas Utilities  
2011-2012 CORE Electric Energy Efficiency and Gas Energy Efficiency Programs  
Scheduling a Hearing

To the Parties:

On July 13, 2012, the Commission issued a supplemental order of notice in the above referenced matter directing the electric utilities to formulate proposals for the use of presently available Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds in the current core program year and to include in their 2013-2014 core energy efficiency program filings proposed uses for additional RGGI funds pursuant to Chapter 281 of the Laws of 2012 (HB 1490). By secretarial letter dated August 6, 2012, the Commission extended the deadline for the 2013-2014 core filing until September 17, 2012.

On August 9, 2012, the Commission Staff filed a letter on behalf of the parties attending a technical session in this matter requesting clarification of several procedural and substantive issues. The Commission has determined that a hearing will assist in promptly resolving the manner in which RGGI funds may be utilized in the current core energy efficiency programs. **Accordingly, a hearing on this matter will be held on August 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**

In order to refine the proposals for use of these RGGI funds and to allow parties and Staff to prepare for the hearing on August 30, 2012, the Commission clarifies that this matter is being conducted pursuant to N.H. Code of Admin. R. Puc 2604.01 (b)(2). The fact that this proceeding is conducted under Puc 2604.01(b)(2), does not mean that proposals must include only existing core program offerings. Such a restriction does not operate in other core adjudications and parties and Staff are always free to suggest additional core programs or to suggest modifications to existing programs. Accordingly, the Commission will consider alternatives and modifications to the existing core programs in this matter.

The Commission will consider proposals to use any of the RGGI proceeds received before January 1, 2013, at the August 30<sup>th</sup> hearing and will allow expenditures for such programs to extend beyond January 1, 2013. At hearing, the Commission will invite argument on any transitional issues presented by the passage of HB 1490.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director



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