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**Subject:** RE: Rebate of Regional Greenhouse Gas Auction Proceeds to all NH Electric Ratepayers

Mr. Mullen:

The New Hampton Village Precinct is a village district within the Town of New Hampton. The Precinct supplies the village with electric power, water, and sewer services. The governing authority of the Precinct is an elected board of three commissioners. The Precinct staff includes an elected Clerk/Treasurer and an appointed Financial Secretary. The Precinct has no full-time employees; staff work is done on an hourly fee basis. Any electric work that needs to be done in the Village Precinct is done by the Ashland Electric Department on a fee basis. The Precinct purchases electric power from the Vermont Electric Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) through the Ashland Electric Department.

The New Hampton Village Precinct has about 100 customers the largest of which is New Hampton School, a co-ed college preparatory school with about 340 students, mostly boarding. With the exception of the School and a few commercial customers, Precinct electric customers are residential, usually about 85 in number. Annual kwh purchases average about 3,000,000.

As can be seen from the above, ours is a very small operation. Any additional burden on the Precinct staff, such as that imposed by the legislated requirement to rebate RGGI Auction proceeds to electric customers, imposes uncompensated administrative costs on the Precinct. Accordingly, the New Hampton Village Precinct favors a rebate plan that would minimize the frequency with which the rebates would have to be calculated and paid. Otherwise, and as a general matter, we agree with the comments and suggestions of the Ashland Electric Department.

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