

December 26, 2018

Debra A. Howland Executive Director State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2492 WHPLIC 28DEC'18AH11:16

Dear Ms. Howland:

Section 4.3, Bates page 35, of the 2018-2020 NH Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan approved by the Commission in its Order No. 26,095 dated January 2, 2018 in Docket DE 17-136 states: "The NH Utilities shall provide notification to the Commission if an individual program's actual expenditures are forecasted to exceed 120 percent of the program's budget."

Please let this letter serve as notification that New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) forecasts the expenditures for the Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) program in 2018 will exceed 120% of the program's original budget. NHEC expects that spending for the HPwES program in 2018 will be approximately \$380,497, or 132% of the original budget. To cover this increase, NHEC plans to utilize \$85,423 from the 2017 carry forward balance and \$7,403 from the 2018 Energy Star Homes program budget. NHEC expects spending for the sector as a whole to remain within 105% of the planned total sector budget of \$1,370,222.

In Section 2.2, Bates page 13 of the NH Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan 2019 Update, which was filed on September 14, 2018, NHEC described its planned treatment of the 2017 carryforward balance, which states: "At the end of 2017, NHEC had a carry forward balance of \$171,532. Seventeen percent was allocated to the HEA program (\$29,160) to be spent on additional projects during 2018. The remaining balance was split between the residential and commercial sectors by sales allocation. The residential portion of \$85,423 was allocated to be utilized for HPwES projects during 2018, in response to a high demand for the program. The remaining \$56,949 was included as carry forward, and will be utilized for the 2019 commercial program budgets."

If NHEC doesn't spend the total HEA funds during 2018, it will carry the unspent HEA funds over into a future program year.

Please let us know if there are any questions concerning this notification.

Sincerely,

Carol Woods Energy Solutions Executive