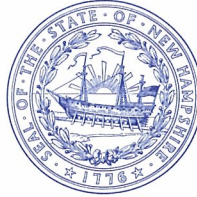


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Re: DE 08-120 Core Energy Efficiency Programs
Planned 2009 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Activities



Dear Ms. Howland:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Commission on the planned 2009 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) activities. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement approved in this case, Staff agreed to file a plan for 2009 M&E activities, after consultation with the Utilities, no later than January 31, 2009 (reference Order No. 24,930, page 11).

In keeping with the above, Staff offers the following plan for M&E activities for the year 2009:

1. Review the GDS Report, "Additional Opportunities for Energy Efficiency in New Hampshire" for information useful for identifying future cost effective electric energy efficiency programs and other efficiency planning and evaluation ideas.
2. NHPUC will participate in sponsorship of selected studies by Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships, Inc. (NEEP) including the "Load Shape Phase 1" study.
3. NHPUC Audit Staff will conduct a financial audit of the CORE program expenditures through year 2008 recorded by each electric utility company for the residential sector and the commercial and industrial sector. The Audit Staff will examine documentation in support of invoices, general ledger entries, customer rebate requests and expense reports. In addition, the Audit Staff will examine allocations of general and administrative expenses associated with energy efficiency programs.
4. Staff is currently considering participating in 2009 studies that include New Hampshire including the following: impact evaluations of custom Comprehensive Design Approach (CDA) applications, impact evaluations of custom HVAC process installations, impact evaluations of other custom process installations, impact evaluations of custom lighting projects and commercial lighting persistence study.
5. Staff is considering the merits of a multiyear schedule that lays out the evaluation plan for possibly the next two or three years, including studies pertaining to energy efficiency impacts on the Forward Capacity Market.

Sincerely,

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