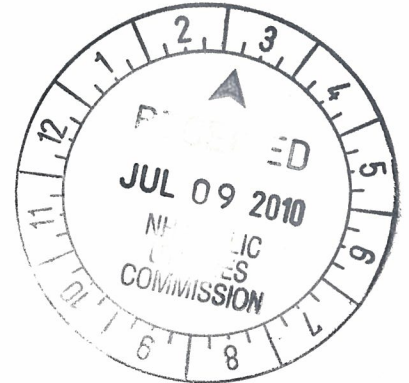




July 9, 2010

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Northern Utilities, Inc.  
Gas Energy Efficiency Program, Docket DG 09-053  
NH Residential Weatherization (HPwES) Budget



Dear Director Howland:

The Company is filing this letter to formally report on the status of its HPwES energy efficiency program. While this matter was discussed at the Technical Session on June 30, 2010, pursuant to Order No. 25,211, the Company notes that it has not previously formally notified the Commission regarding the status of this program.

Given the high demand for the HPwES program experienced particularly in the last six months, spending in the program for the current program year of May 2009 through December 2010 is just in excess of 100% of the budget. As a consequence the Company has suspended new enrollments in the program and is maintaining a waiting list of interested customers. The waiting list at this time has eight customers. The Company intends to manage spending in this program to no more than 20% in excess of budget. In addition, the Company is aware that the electric utilities are seeking additional funding from RGGI funds administered by the Commission for expansion of the HPwES program. If this additional funding for fuel blind HPwES program activity is secured, the Company will refer any customers on the waiting list to the appropriate electric utility.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Palma".

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