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OEP Information Requests – Set 1

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Request:

Both:

EnergySTAR requirements on 9/1/10 will increase from 0.62 to 0.67 for gas storage water heaters. Please explain why 2011-12 programs will offer rebates at the lower EF rating.

Response:

The 0.62 EF storage water heaters continue to provide cost effective savings. The incremental cost of the 0.67 EF unit is estimated to be \$400 more than the standard unit. In addition, National Grid/Unitil believes there will be limited 0.67 products available in 2011, which will also depress product uptake. National Grid/Unitil appreciates the OEP's input in this regard and we will be offering a \$100 rebate for the 0.67 gas storage water heater. Given the small amount of projected participation, we do not expect that it will materially change the plan budgets or savings. The Companies have updated Table I: Energy Efficiency Programs for clarification. See OCA 1-24.