

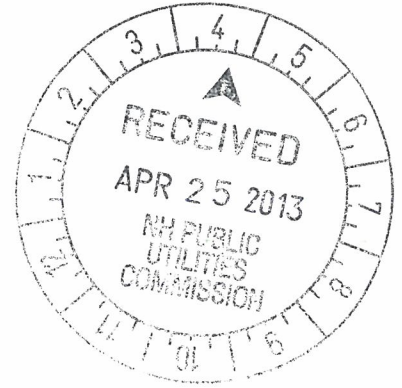


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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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***RE: Northern Utilities, Inc. Gas Energy Efficiency Programs  
Docket No. DE 12-262  
2013 Program Year Program Closing***

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Northern Utilities, Inc. (the “Company”). This letter serves as notice to the Commission that the Company’s residential gas ENERGY STAR® Appliance Program (“Gas Networks”) budget is nearly exhausted and it further outlines the Company’s plans for fulfilling customer rebates through the electric utilities’ ENERGY STAR® Appliance program.

Due to unexpectedly high demand in the first quarter of 2013, the Company anticipates exhausting the rebate budget for the Gas Networks program as of the end of April, 2013. However, additional third party administrative funds budgeted for the program in anticipation of 12 months of fulfillment remain and will be utilized for rebates until those funds are exhausted. In accordance with the CORE utilities’ September 2012 filing in the above-referenced docket, after all applicable Gas Networks money has been utilized, customers seeking rebates for qualified gas appliances will be served by their electric utility as part of the electric ENERGY STAR Appliance Program. Vendors will be notified that they should utilize electric ENERGY STAR Appliance Program rebate forms after May 7, 2013 for customers seeking gas appliance rebates. Both the Company and the electric utilities are committed to providing seamless service to customers.

Pease feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

  
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