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RE: DE 12-262 CORE Energy Efficiency Programs  
PSNH Request to Transfer 2012 Carryover Funds

Dear Director Howland:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire (“PSNH”) is hereby requesting Commission approval to transfer certain carryover funds from the 2012 CORE Program Year to PSNH’s Smart Start Revolving Loan Fund (the “Smart Start Program”) and Residential Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund (the “Residential Program”). More specifically, PSNH is seeking authority to transfer \$900,000 to the Smart Start Program and \$190,000 to the Residential Program. PSNH notes that since it is seeking to use the funds for existing projects in 2013, as described below, PSNH is also requesting that the Commission act expeditiously on this request to ensure that the funds become available as soon as possible.

In support of this request, PSNH states that at present both the Smart Start Program and the Residential Program are fully subscribed through the remainder of 2013 and that both programs have waitlists of interested and qualified customers. Because both programs have nearly depleted their available funds, however, PSNH is not currently able to provide funds to those customers for their proposed projects. Based upon the historical performance of these programs, PSNH anticipates that transferring the funds as requested will permit an additional 60 residential customers to obtain weatherization and energy efficiency services through the Residential Program, and that an additional 20 to 30 projects would be delivered through the Smart Start Program through 2014. It is possible that without these transfers, a delay in the availability of funds will mean that some projects will not be completed in 2013, if at all, or that some identified projects will be scaled back so that the full depth of efficiency measures is not implemented.

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Given the high interest in and demand for these programs, PSNH believes that it is beneficial and appropriate to transfer the 2012 carryover funds to these programs, rather than include them in the overall budgets for the 2014 program year. By transferring the funds in the near term, PSNH will be better able to serve customers with identified and qualified projects who are merely awaiting the funding necessary to begin work, as opposed to serving potential projects that may, or may not, materialize in 2014. Moreover, this transfer of funds would be to programs that assist residential as well as commercial and industrial (specifically municipal) customers. As such, it would not benefit any sector at the detriment of another.

PSNH also makes clear that in the 2012 program year it spent approximately 95 percent of the CORE program budget to support the energy efficiency needs of its customers, and that even without spending the entirety of the budgeted amounts PSNH was able to meet the energy efficiency goals for the 2012 program year. Moreover, PSNH notes that the funds at issue in this request represent unexpended funds from various programs, rather than any single program, interest on existing funds, and additional funds from higher than expected sales as well as higher than expected funds from the Forward Capacity Market. Thus, PSNH was able to efficiently and effectively serve its customers in the 2012 program year and is now seeking to use these remaining and additional funds to assist customers in the 2013 program year.

Accordingly, to make beneficial use of funds not otherwise expended and, more importantly, to alleviate the barrier to delivering energy efficiency projects that is created by a lack of access to affordable funding sources such as the Smart Start Program and the Residential Program, PSNH requests that the Commission expeditiously approve its request to transfer funds as set out above. Lastly, PSNH notes that it communicated with the Commission Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Energy and Planning, the Department of Environmental Services and The Way Home with respect to this request and received no objections.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,



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