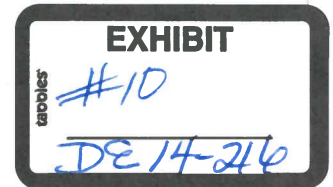




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Re: DE 14-216 – 2017 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan Settlement Agreement

Dear Director Howland:

On September 26, 2016, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp d/b/a Liberty Utilities; and Northern Utilities, Inc. (collectively, “the NH Utilities”) filed their proposed 2017 plan for the continuation of the New Hampshire statewide energy efficiency programs operating under the name NHSaves. This filing was contemplated by, and consistent with, Order No. 25,932 (August 2, 2016) in Docket No. DE 15-137 relating to the implementation of an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (“EERS”) beginning in 2018, and the plan to continue and expand the NHSaves programs in 2017 as a bridge to the EERS.

Through the agreement of the various parties to the docket, included with this submission is a Settlement Agreement among the parties relating to the 2017 NHSaves programs. In the Commission’s October 27, 2016 secretarial letter, the Commission contemplated the filing of a settlement on December 9, 2016. Due to the need for additional time to complete the Settlement Agreement, it is not being filed until the date noted above. Given that the enclosed Settlement Agreement includes essentially all parties to the docket and secures the implementation of the NHSaves programs as the Commission had previously contemplated, as well as that this filing is still more than 5 days prior to the hearing date in this matter, accepting this agreement would promote the orderly and efficient resolution of the docket and the parties request, to the extent necessary, that the Commission waive any deadline that might otherwise affect the filing of this Settlement Agreement.

The NH Utilities request that the Commission accept and approve the enclosed Settlement Agreement and allow for the uninterrupted provision of the NHSaves programs through 2017. Please contact me if there are any questions about this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosures
cc: Service List

