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

**Re: DE 15-137 – Energy Efficiency Resource Standard**

Dear Director Howland:


Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket please find an original and six (6) copies each of a Joint Petition of New Hampshire's Electric and Natural Gas Utilities for Approval of a Framework for an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard, and the Joint Pre-filed Testimony of Eric M. Stanley, Carol M. Woods, Rhonda J. Bisson and Cindy L. Carroll.

This filing is made on behalf of: 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 Electric and Natural Gas Utilities"), and lays out a framework for an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard ("EERS").

For over a decade, the Electric and Natural Gas Utilities have worked collaboratively to develop and implement cost-effective, award-winning energy efficiency programs which have provided energy and cost savings for customers. The Electric and Natural Gas Utilities believe that in transitioning from the current energy efficiency programs to an EERS, the Commission must provide clear direction on the State's savings goals, funding levels, cost recovery mechanisms, planning horizon, stakeholder engagement, recovery of lost revenue, performance incentives and standards for evaluation, measurement and verification. Each of these issues is discussed within this filing. To assist the Commission in its decision making, the filing also sets forth guiding principles.

The Utilities support an EERS as described in this filing and look forward to working with the Commission, its Staff and other stakeholders as this docket proceeds. Please contact me if there are any questions about this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
 Matthew J. Fossum  
 Senior Counsel, Eversource Energy  
 o/b/o the Electric and Natural Gas Utilities

Enclosures  
 cc: Service List

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