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September 13, 2017

Re: IR 17-101, New Hampshire Electric Utilities
Continuation of Peak Load Reduction Goal

To the Parties:

In 2015, the Legislature directed the Commission to establish an “electric peak time reduction goal” on or before July 1, 2016. 2015 N.H. Laws Ch. 219:1, III (HB614). In *New Hampshire Electric Utilities, Investigation Into Methods for Electric Peak Load Reduction*, Order No. 25,919 (July 1, 2016), the Commission established a state-wide electric peak time reduction goal of 8,786 kW for summer savings and 9,033 kW for winter savings. *Id.* at 2-3. The Commission resolved to revisit the issue in 2017, following the completion of the Commission’s investigation into grid modernization in Docket No. IR 15-296. *Id.* at 2. The Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation for a peak reduction goal for 2017 no later than June 15, 2017. *Id.* at 3.

On June 15, 2017, Staff opined that it was premature to reset peak load reduction goals until the conclusion of the Energy Efficiency Resource Standard docket (EERS Docket), Docket No. IR 15-137, and the Investigation into Grid Modernization docket (Grid Modification Docket), Docket IR 15-296. Staff recommended that the Commission continue the existing peak load targets until final recommendations are approved in both the EERS and Grid Modification dockets.

The Commission has considered and accepted Staff’s recommendation and decided to retain the existing goal of 8,787 kW for summer savings and 9,033 kW for winter savings until ordered otherwise. Staff is directed to file a recommendation for peak load reduction goals following the conclusion of Docket Nos. IR 15-137 and IR 15-296.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
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