

### III. CORE PROGRAM CHANGES

#### A. Residential Program Changes

##### 1. ENERGY STAR® Homes Program<sup>1</sup>

EPA's implementation of ENERGY STAR HOMES Version 3.0 was delayed from January 1, 2012 until July 1, 2012. The Utilities have been and will continue working with HERS Raters and Builders to assist in the transition to this new version.

##### 2. NH Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program<sup>2</sup>

In 2012 PSNH and UES propose to continue implementation of the pilot program as approved by the Commission for the 2011 program year in Order No. 25,189. National Grid and NHEC will continue serving electric heat customers through 2012, but plan to transition their program to be fuel neutral after electrically heated homes have been served. National Grid NH and Northern plan to continue serving gas customers.

For 2012 PSNH and UES will earn a performance incentive on the installation of electric saving measures as has been done since the HPwWS Program was first approved in Order No. 24,974. PSNH and UES budgets presented in the appendices to this document reflect this electric saving measures incentive calculation.

The Utilities will modify the Home Heating Index on the NHSaves web page to direct customers<sup>3</sup> who do not qualify for this program to other resources for energy audits and/or installation services.

The Utilities would note that the federal administration of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program is moving from EPA to U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Utilities are aware that DOE is considering some changes to this program and will continue working with DOE during this transition.

There is one minor change to the program for the Gas Utilities. Northern will offer a 50% maximum rebate with a cap of \$4,000 per unit to individually metered customers in multi-family complexes with 5 or more units. The rebate will be negotiated based on project savings and the availability of funding. National Grid NH will offer the same rebates with the same program parameters through its Energy Audit with Home Performance program. This change will allow both companies to serve these customers in the same manner.

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<sup>1</sup> New Home Construction with ENERGY STAR® Program (Gas)

<sup>2</sup> Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program, Energy Audit with Home Performance and Weatherization

<sup>3</sup> Hereinafter the word "customer" will be understood to mean both customer and NHEC members.