

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 14-216

ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES

**2015-2016 Core Electric Energy Efficiency Programs
and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs**

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE FOR 2016 UPDATES

On September 30, 2015, 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. (collectively, the “Electric Utilities”); Liberty Utilities (Energy North Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities and Northern Utilities Inc. d/b/a/ Unitil (collectively, the “Gas Utilities”) jointly filed with the Commission an updated proposal for the 2016 Core Energy Efficiency Programs of the Electric Utilities and the Energy Efficiency Plan of the Gas Utilities for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The Commission approved the Electric and Gas Utilities’ energy efficiency programs for the period 2015-2016 by Order No. 25,747 dated December 31, 2014, and authorized the utilities to file updated budgets and program proposals for 2016. The filing and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission’s website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2014/14-216.html>.

In their filing, the Electric and Gas Utilities provided updated estimates on program budgets as well as proposed program changes. The proposed changes relate to programs offered by all the utilities and utility-specific programs of Eversource and Unitil. The Electric and Gas

Utilities propose an overall estimated increase in funding of \$380,000 for the 2016 electric efficiency programs and \$64,600 for the 2016 gas efficiency programs. The budgets for both the electric and gas programs include unspent funds from the 2014 program year, including interest based on the prime rate.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the proposed programs are reasonable, cost effective, and in the public interest as required by RSA 374-F:3, X; and whether the proposed programs will properly utilize funds from the Energy Efficiency Fund as required by RSA Chapter 125-O:23. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the following procedural schedule:

Utility 2016 Update Filing	9/30/15
Data Requests on Utility Filing	10/14/15
Responses to Data Requests	10/23/15
Technical Session	10/29/15 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff and Intervenor Testimony	11/12/15
Data Requests on 11/12 Testimony	11/18/15
Responses to Data Requests	11/25/15
Settlement Conference	12/3/15 at 9:00 a.m.
Settlement due	12/9/15
Hearing on the Merits	12/15/15 and 12/17/15 at 10:00 a.m.

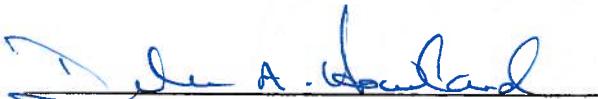
shall be followed by the Commission Staff and the parties; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Commission shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by posting a copy of this Supplemental Order of Notice no later than October 16, 2015, on the Commission's website and distributing this notice electronically to New Hampshire municipalities through the Office of Energy and Planning and the Municipal Association; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission six copies of a petition to intervene with copies sent to the service list on or before October 30, 2015, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.02 and Puc 203.17, and RSA 541-A:32, I (b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before November 20, 2015.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fifteenth day of October, 2015.



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Executive Director

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