

Docket No. 7535 - Attachment A

Proposal for Excess EAP Funds

Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP") identified \$3.5 million of excess Electric Assistance Program ("EAP") funds. Per order of the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board"), those dollars will be used as follows:

1. Earmark \$1 Million Funds to Improve EAP Enrollment.

This will be accomplished through the following: (1) advertising and outreach efforts; (2) a 3-month arrears forgiveness program for new enrollees, which will be used as an additional incentive to encourage enrollment; and (3) \$100,000 will be allocated for outreach, and \$900,000 will be allocated to arrears forgiveness.

GMP, AARP, the Public Service Department, and the Department for Children and Families will coordinate advertising for the program leading up to, and in conjunction with, the 3-month arrearage forgiveness for new EAP enrollees.

Customers who apply for EAP for the first time (new enrollees) will be eligible to receive arrearage forgiveness provided they apply within the 3-month period from October through December, 2014.

2. Return to Customers \$1.5 Million.

a. Crediting customer accounts with lump-sum pro-rata bill credits in May 2014, or as soon as practicable after the Board rules on the Proposal.

b. The amounts of the one-time refunds by class are as follows:

- i. Residential: \$4.28
- ii. Commercial: \$7.14
- iii. Large Industrial: \$237.96

3. GMP's Reserve Amount.

Per the Board's September 6, 2012, Final Order in Docket 7535, GMP will retain \$1 million as a reserve balance to be used as needed if collections of funds do not meet required program expenditures for calendar year 2014.

4. Interest.

GMP will accrue interest on EAP funds at a rate no less than GMP's revolver interest rate. Accrued interest will be held with the reserve balance and used either to fund EAP activities or returned to ratepayers pursuant to a future refund mechanism approved by the Board.