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# Regulatory Commission Testimony

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, New Hampshire

Weatherization Leveraged  
Partnerships Project





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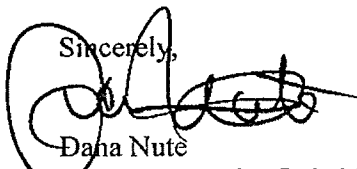
Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 09-170  
2010 CORE Energy Efficiency Program  
Rebuttal Testimony

Dear Secretary Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and seven copies of Testimony of Dana Nute. Copies of this Testimony are also being filed electronically with the Service List

If you should need additional information to consider our request please feel free to contact me at 225-3295.

Sincerely,  
  
Dana Nute  
Director, Housing Rehabilitation and Energy Conservation

CC: Executive Directors, Community Action Agencies  
Service List, DE 09-170

**ALTON**  
Elderly .....875-7102  
Prospect View Housing.....875-3111

**BELMONT**  
Elderly .....267-9867  
Heritage Terr. Housing.....267-8801

**BRADFORD**  
Elderly.....938-2104

**CONCORD**  
Center ..... 225-6880  
Head Start/VHS..... 224-6492  
Elderly ..... 225-9092  
Concord Area Transit ..... 225-1989  
Horseshoe Pond Place.....228-6956  
WIC/CSFP..... 225-2050

**EPSOM**  
Meadow Brook Housing ... 736-8250

**FRANKLIN**  
Center ..... 934-2444  
Head Start ..... 934-2161  
Elderly ..... 934-4151  
Family Planning..... 934-4905  
STD/HIV Clinics ..... 934-4905  
Riverside Housing..... 934-5340

**KEARSARGE VALLEY**  
Center ..... 456-2207  
Head Start ..... 456-2208  
Kearsarge Housing ..... 456-3398

**LACONIA**  
Center ..... 524-5512  
Head Start ..... 528-5334  
Early Head Start..... 528-5334  
Elderly ..... 524-7689  
Family Planning..... 524-5453  
Prenatal ..... 524-5453  
STD/HIV Clinics ..... 524-5453

**MEREDITH**  
Center ..... 279-4096  
Elderly ..... 279-5631

**OSSIPEE**  
Family Planning .....539-7552  
Prenatal.....539-7552  
STD/HIV Clinics.....539-7552

**PITTSFIELD**  
Elderly .....435-8482  
Head Start .....435-6618

**PLYMOUTH**  
Family Planning ..... 536-3584  
STD/HIV Clinics ..... 536-3584

**SUNCOOK**  
Center ..... 485-7824  
Elderly ..... 485-4254

**TILTON/NORTHFIELD**  
Head Start ..... 286-3435

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
before the  
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
CORE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS  
2010 Program  
Docket No. DE 09-170

Rebuttal Testimony of

Dana Nute

On behalf of

Community Action Agencies

December 09, 2009

**Q. Please state your name, employer, business address, position, and qualifications.**

A. My name is Dana Nute. I work for Community Action Program Belknap -Merrimack Counties, Inc. My business address is 2 Industrial Park Drive, Concord, NH 03301. I am the Director of Housing Rehabilitation and Energy Conservation for the agency. I am a graduate of Northeastern University in Boston, MA with a degree in civil engineering. I have been with this Agency since 2000. I am a certified weatherization auditor in both New Hampshire and Maine. I am a member of the New Hampshire Weatherization Directors Association. I have represented the New Hampshire Association of Community Action Agencies ,which represents the six (6) Community Action Agencies, since 2003 in the CORE Docket filings.

**Q Have you testified before the Commission**

A I have presented written testimony on CORE Docket No. .DE 07-106

**Q Could you state the position of the New Hampshire Community Action Agencies (CAAs) in regards to the low income formula for the HEA Program.**

A The CAAs take no position on staff's various derivations of a low income formula for the Home Energy Assistance (HEA) Program but do support the current Utility Companies proposed 14% formula for the 2010 CORE Program. .

**Q Could you please provide the CAAs current status with the CORE Program**

A One of the many programs that the CAAs provide to eligible low income clients and communities is the HEA portion of the CORE Program. As a vendor in this program any increase in the funding to the HEA result in an increase of funding to the CAAs. It should also be pointed out that this results in an increase in the number of clients served and energy reduction.

**Q Are there any statistics or issues that you would like to present that would have direct correlation with the funding of the HEA Program whether it be historical, current or future?**

A The following issues are being presented as they have direct relevance to the CORE 2010 Settlement Agreement Filing.

### CAA WEATHERIZATION WAITING LIST

The CAAs have seen an increase in the “waiting list” clients(see footnote a). This is a direct result of the increase of income guidelines in 2009 from 185% FPG to 200% FPG.

The statewide number of Fuel Assistance certified applications in May, 2008 was 35,057 and in May, 2009 the total was 43,737 resulting in an increase of 21.9% which can be directly correlated to a waiting list increase.

### CAA WORKFORCE INCREASE

The CAAs have increased the number of auditors (employed by CAAs) from December “08 to December “09 by more than 100%

CAA crews (employed by CAAs) has increased by more than 75%

CAA weatherization contractors base has increased by more than 100% since December “08 and the CAAs are currently increasing the contractor base.

### HEA PROGRAM HISTORICAL

Since 2005 the HEA Program budget and production has exceeded the goals (see annual CORE filings)

YEAR	BUDGET (% goal)	CUSTOMERS (% goal)
2005	100	125
2006	108	121
2007	113	99
2008	128	125
2009 (as of 9-30-09)	95	104

The HEA Program has collaborated with the Weatherization Assistance Program has increasing from 55% in 2005 to 98% as of 9-30-09.

a-“waiting list” is derived from Fuel Assistance database for clients requesting “Weatherization”

### ARRA FUNDING FOR WEATHERIZATION (4-1-09 TO 3-31-12)

Statewide funding for the CAAs under the ARRA for production is \$18,112,248 which equates to \$6,037,416 per year for the three years. Funding will be completed on 3-31-12 resulting in a per annum production decrease. The CAAs have built capacity to maintain production at this funded amount. When the ARRA funding is complete the CAAs will need other funding to maintain the production and not revert to 2008 production levels which result in cutbacks to CAA and contractor employees. Future funding could be enhanced with increased HEA funding. (see TWH Testimony dated November 6, 2009, pg 31 line 5 for 2012 proposed funding level)

### THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan calls for the retrofitting of 30,000 homes per year (see RCI Action 1.2). Using the conservative rate of 18% (see Staff response to TWH1-4 page 2 of 26), low income households result in 5400 of these homes being qualified under the low income energy efficiency programs. At the current average this would require a minimum of \$18,000,000 per year.

### SUMMARY

The CAAs show a need for an increase in future funding in the low income production programs and current and historical data show the capability to meet production goals. The CAAs request that CORE funding in the HEA Program be addressed to “meet the needs”.

End of Testimony