

**Resolution Regarding The Blackstone Gas Company Proposal For Mid-Year
Revisions For Its Energy Efficiency Programs In 2011**

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The Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (“EEAC”) has reviewed the attached proposal made by the Blackstone Gas Company (the “Blackstone”) for mid-year revisions to its residential and low-income programs.

The EEAC understands the Program Administrators’ need to be responsive to the high demand for services as well as the Department of Public Utilities’ procedures for Mid-Term Modifications. To that end, the EEAC appreciates the time sensitivity of the Blackstone proposal, and in consideration of the above resolves the following:

We support the seamless continuation of the Blackstone GasNetworks rebate program and would be deeply concerned about any halt in this program due to budget allocations made in anticipation of market demand. Given the impacts that a cessation would have on customer demand and participation in this energy efficiency program offerings, the contractor base, and the ability to achieve future program goals, we would recommend that Program Administrators make every reasonable effort to avoid such a result with this increase;

We support the increase in the Blackstone budget for its low-income program to maintain the statutory spending equal 20% of the revised budget;

We endorse the Blackstone’s effort to propose a Mid-Year Revision to its energy efficiency programs for 2011 and the related increases in the energy efficiency surcharges; and

The EEAC endorses the Blackstone preparation of a report for filing with the Department of Public Utilities, consistent with this proposal and with the Department’s Guidelines.