

December 5, 2020

Ms. Debra Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-7319

Re: Docket: DE 20-092 2021-2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am today submitting this letter in response to the November 20th letter to you from members of the NH House of Representatives Committee on Science, Technology and Energy requesting suspension of the implementation of the 2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan (the Plan).

I strongly disagree with the arguments put forth in the November 20th letter and encourage the Public Utilities Commission to proceed with approval of the Docket referenced above and permit implementation of the Plan.

First of all, the signatories to the November 20th letter have no status as an intervening party to the above referenced docket and as such have no standing in requesting a suspension of the Plan. The letter is an opinion and has no weight considering established enabling laws, agreed upon goals of the legislation and the testimony made during the development of the Plan.

I find it shameful that New Hampshire, a wealthy state, is ranked 20th among the 50 states by ACEEE for energy efficiency policy and results and we need to do better. The current Plan will help to ameliorate this poor standing.

Implementation of the Plan is essential for New Hampshire to begin to deal with the energy inequities in the state and the hardships endured by low and moderate income citizens. In addition, energy efficiency provides the highest cost-benefit return of any energy investment and provides permanent benefits to all energy consumers in New Hampshire.

Failing to implement the Plan will further disadvantage New Hampshire with other New England states. The Plan will help to reduce imports of electricity from other states thus reducing the outflow of precious energy dollars to other states and lowering transmission costs.

We need both energy generation, energy storage and most of all enhanced energy efficiency options in New Hampshire. The Plan will further help in these areas.

Energy efficiency is the best energy investment that can be made in New Hampshire today...let us ensure that the Plan is implemented and helps us make those investments.

Regards,

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