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Dear Public Utilities Commission Staff:

I recently learned that a well-crafted initiative that could bring real economic stimulus to our state and reduce burdens on NH ratepayers is under threat. The 3-year Energy Efficiency Plan proposed by the PUC would likely result in significant reductions in *net* energy costs—the only worthy metric—for households and businesses alike.

The criticisms of the Plan proffered by the incoming Speaker of the House and his colleagues is misguided, short-sighted, and myopically focuses solely on up-front costs without any regard to the overall benefits. It is important to note that even if the real objective of the Plan's opponents is to encourage overall energy spending or preserve fossil fuel dependence, their argument falls flat. It ignores the fact that after realizing efficiency gains, some business consumers may well *expand* their output to take advantage of their lower operating costs, making additional investments in growing New Hampshire's economy. I urge you to stay the course and implement the Energy Efficiency Plan.

Kind regards,

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