

Dear Debra,

It has come to my attention that the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board is looking for the Public Utilities Commission to approve an increase to the proposed statewide energy efficiency plan for 2021-2023. My understanding is that this proposal will result in a significant increase to the System Benefit Charge. It seems to me that there couldn't be a much worse time for these types of increases than in the middle of the pandemic that is currently devastating our economy and way of life.

I hope that you will consider the current environment and postpone the consideration of any change to the System Benefit Charge.

Thank you for your consideration, and Happy Holidays!

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Best,

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From: Lori Lerner <llerner01@comcast.net>

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Subject: Please help stabilize our electricity costs

As you may know, I have stepped down as President of NHWindWatch but I continue to support their efforts and those of key Legislators in Concord who have been steadfast in their support to protect NH from the takeover of industrial wind.

It has come to my attention that the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board (EESE) is looking for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to approve a huge increase to the proposed statewide energy efficiency plan for 2021-2023. This proposal will result in a significant increase (2.5X) to the System Benefit Charge (SBC), which is in addition to the existing SBC charge on your monthly NH utility bill. The *average* homeowner in NH will see their monthly bill rise approximately \$5 per month as a result of this potential increase, while businesses and municipalities will see much more significant cost increases, at a time when most are struggling to survive.

A group of NH House legislators have submitted the following letter to the PUC, asking them to temporarily suspend the docket, which will hold the EESE funding at current levels. These are the same legislators who have been supporting the NHWW efforts for

many years and have submitted legislation to help our efforts in the next session by refiling the bill to set the fee to \$250 for the Declaratory Ruling and limit the SEC Admin authority. Here's the link to the Legislator's letter:

https://www.nhpr.org/sites/nhpr/files/202011/house_ste_member_no._de_20-092.pdf

Please join me in contacting the PUC to request they temporarily suspend the proposed 3-year plan, it will require less than 5 minutes. Feel free to forward this to anyone else who would be willing to assist with this. There will be a meeting later this week and a final decision is due on December 28th so if you could act now, that would really be appreciated.

Messages or calls should go to:

Ms. Debra Howland, Executive Director
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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Happy Holidays!

Thank you,

Lori Lerner