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

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

Dear Ms. Howland:

I support the original time frame of the Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan. Three reasons stand out to me.

1. The ever present leaks and inefficient heating systems in older buildings may be invisible unless you are the renter that is living in substandard dwelling and paying for the inefficiency. That renter is more likely than the readers of this letter to be dealing with a job loss, food insecurities, a higher COVID rate, and potential homelessness. That renter is also unlikely to be part of this discussion. I worked as a counselor in Rochester for 20 years and saw my families depending on the kitchen stove for heat and having to tack sheets over broken windows; trying to keep the wind out of the house. Our most vulnerable citizens matter.

2. The "energy efficient workforce" outlined in the plan creates an opportunity in the community for stable sustainable careers. This trained force can immediately advise homeowners and update our buildings with energy efficient systems. This benefits local businesses, homeowners, rent payers and workers while improving the physical, mental, and economic health of our communities. How can we leave that opportunity on the table?

3. I understand the concern that implementing the plan on schedule will put more strain on an already struggling economy, but we are on track to beat COVID now. If we put this plan on hold, we creep ever closer to destroying our planet.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Julie Thompson