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Public Comment on **DE20-092**- Electric and Gas Utilities 2021-2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan

To the Commission,

I am writing to urge you to oppose any increase in the System Benefits Charge.

It would be foolish to impose higher costs on New Hampshire ratepayers in the middle of a global pandemic. New Hampshire businesses have had to shut their doors. Record numbers of Granite Staters were out of work. While our state's underlying economy remains strong, we should not hit struggling families and businesses with higher electric rates.

While the proposal contains detailed projections about the potential future savings from spending more in energy efficiency, it fails to adequately address the cost of these programs on ratepayers today. Whatever the merits of this plan before the COVID-19 pandemic, I urge the Commissioner to acknowledge that circumstances have changed, and New Hampshire families and businesses simply cannot afford a higher System Benefits Charge on their monthly electric bills.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bill Gannon
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