

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

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

Dear Ms. Howland:

I'm writing to say that I heartily support the following points made in a recent letter to the PUC from:

Rep. Renny Cushing, House Democratic Leader, former ST&E member;
Science, Technology and Energy Committee members:

Rep. Jackie Cali-Pitts

Rep. John Mann

Rep. Kat McGhee

Rep. Rebecca McWilliams

Rep. Lee Oxenham

Rep. Peter Somssich

Rep. Ken Vincent

Former ST&E Chair, Vice Chair, Ranking Members

Robert Backus, Howard Moffett, Bill Baber, Clifton Below

I am quoting these comments verbatim here:

- The recent letter from an ideological group of House members on the STE Committee should not be considered an official STE position.
- Energy Efficiency has the highest cost-benefit return of any energy investment and provides permanent cost-reductions that benefit all energy consumers.
- In the past 4 years, NH's energy efficiency and emissions reduction policy efforts have been undermined by reductionist thinking that further investment is always a bridge too far.
- In reality, the 'cost of doing nothing' is well known to be the most-costly course when the future is already here in defining the need for new and cleaner technologies.
- The whole concept of having the utilities' partner to define a 3-year Energy Efficiency Plan is to create a force multiplier in keeping with long-standing energy planning efforts.
- the total proposed budget equals an increase of \$207 million over the current 3-year budget of \$185 million, which works out to \$69 million per year, not \$100 million.

- the plan would generate \$912 million in total resource benefits and \$619 million in net benefits. Over the lifetime of the measures, residents would derive \$1.3 billion in energy cost savings. These savings could be reinvested in local economies. These are important details to leave out of a letter that asks you to suspend a docket for the benefit of the New Hampshire economy
- many states have recognized that with economic adversity comes opportunity and thus have become more ambitious in adopting comprehensive plans to thwart climate disruption.
- If we are unable to understand how the Triennium Energy Efficiency Plan (TEEP) benefits New Hampshire, then it does not bode well for our economic recovery. It is the states that are poised to act that will reap the benefit of federal investment in clean energy programs that pave the way of the future.
- If we do not have a plan for investing in heat pumps and other clean, local energy options through energy efficiency programs, our share of regional transmission costs will continue to increase and our RGGI rebates will decrease.

Please keep the very practical yet also visionary thinking reflected in these comments firmly in mind, in making your decision about moving forward with the Triennium Energy Efficient Plan.

Sincerely yours,

Victoria Parmele
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