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Subject: Docket No. DE 20-092 2021-2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan - Comments by City of Dover, NH

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Please accept this email and attachment as formal comments being provided for the above docket by the City of Dover, NH. Attached is a copy of a formal resolution adopted by the Dover Mayor and City Council last evening indicating that the City of Dover fully supports continuation of the NHSaves program as laid out in the 2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Agenda Item#: 13.B.2.

Resolution Number: **R – 2020.12.09 – 208**

Resolution Re: City of Dover’s Support for 2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan and Continuation of the NHSaves Program

WHEREAS: The “Stewardship of Natural Resources” chapter of Dover’s Master Plan commits a full section to examining our energy use in Dover and identifying energy efficiency initiatives and new energy sources that will better serve the citizens. The plan also contains action to: “Provide education, outreach, and incentives to encourage developers and homeowners to pursue energy conservation measures on their properties”; and

WHEREAS: The State of New Hampshire’s *2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan* outlines the effort by the State to promote programs that provide energy savings, promote economic development, reduce the need for additional capacity investments, and protect the natural environment by reducing the amount of carbon dioxide (“CO2”) and sulfur and nitrogen oxides released into the atmosphere due to reduced energy generation and consumption; and

WHEREAS: The *2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan* will save \$1.3 billion in energy costs and is estimated to support over 4,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS: A key aspect of this program is the NHSaves initiative. NHSaves is an efficiency plan from the State’s major utilities with electric and gas savings goals for 2021 to 2023 through rebates, audits, and incentives; and

WHEREAS: The NHSaves program also includes \$77 million for income-eligible programs, helping those who need it most to weatherize their homes, update heating systems, and replace inefficient appliances, providing critical assistance to lower income families all over the State; and

WHEREAS: Members of the NH House Science, Technology, Energy Committee have recently requested that the NH Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC) indefinitely postpone the implementation of this program; and

WHEREAS: Elimination of this program will have a devastating impact on energy conservation efforts and will cripple efforts that keep lower income households warm and provide critical assistance to those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND DOVER CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City of Dover fully supports continuation of the NHSaves program as laid out in the *2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan*, this plan has been acted on by the legislature, approved by Governor Sununu, is regulated by the NHPUC, and is implemented by the utilities.

AND, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT:



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The City Manager is directed to forward this resolution to the NHPUC providing the Mayor and City Council’s full support of the *2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan* and the critically important NHSaves program.

AUTHORIZATION

Approved as to Funding: Daniel R. Lynch
Finance Director

Sponsored by: Councilor Deborah Thibodeux
Councilor Dennis Shanahan

Approved as to Legal Form and Compliance: Joshua M. Wyatt
City Attorney

Recorded by: Susan M. Mistretta
City Clerk

DOCUMENT HISTORY:

First Reading Date: 12/09/2020	Public Hearing Date: N/A
Approved Date: 12/09/2020	Effective Date: 12/09/2020

DOCUMENT ACTIONS:

Deputy Mayor Ciotti moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Williams
Roll Call Vote: 6/1; Passed. Councilor Cullen was opposed.

VOTING RECORD		
Date of Vote: 12/09/2020	YES	NO
Mayor Robert Carrier	X	
Deputy Mayor Ciotti	X	
Councilor Michelle Muffett-Lipinski, Ward 1	Absent	
Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux, Ward 3	X	
Councilor Joshua Manley, Ward 4	Absent	
Councilor Dennis Shanahan, Ward 5	X	
Councilor Fergus Cullen, Ward 6		X
Councilor John O’Connor, At Large	X	
Councilor Lindsey Williams, At Large	X	
Total Votes:	6	1
Resolution does pass.		