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Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

## Re: Docket No. DE 20-092 Statewide Energy Efficiency 2021-2023 Triennial Plan NH Utilities; OCA; CENH; CLF; TWH; SNHS – Proposed Settlement Agreement

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the *Settlement Agreement on the 2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan* (the "Agreement"), which has been signed by Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource"); Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp d/b/a Liberty Utilities; and Northern Utilities, Inc. (collectively, "the NH Utilities"); the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA"); Clean Energy New Hampshire; Conservation Law Foundation; Southern New Hampshire Services, and The Way Home; (all collectively referred to as the "Settling Parties"). The Agreement would resolve all issues with respect to the 2021-2023 EERS program triennial term in this docket, and its adoption by the Commission would result in a comprehensive plan for the upcoming triennial period. The parties respectfully request the Commission review the Agreement at the hearings currently scheduled for December 10, 14, and 16, 2020.

This Agreement was reached after two extensive and inclusive processes: the stakeholder process, and this administrative docket. As a result of the robust discovery and engaged examination and analysis of the complex issues to the Plan and concerns of various stakeholders, all parties to the agreement confidently support the terms contained within it. The Settling Parties respectfully request that if the Commission is unable to approve the Agreement in full prior to the end of the 2020 calendar year, that the Commission extend the current funding and structure of the current EERS plan (as modified and updated by the latest technical reference manual, pursuant to the requirements established in docket No. DE 17-136), until the Commission is able to issue a comprehensive Order in this docket in 2021. This request is made to prevent any disruptions to ongoing energy efficiency program work currently underway or already scheduled.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Regards, Jessica A. Chiavara

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Attachment cc: Service List