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**Subject:** PPlan for NHSaves going forward

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Dear PUC Clerk:

I am writing in support of the NHSaves program in Docket23-068.

I am a resident of Concord, NH and a voter who cares a good deal about good governance and a healthy environment. I have practiced thrift throughout my life, and I like to see my city and state demonstrate wisdom in their fiscal management. In addition, I find my quality of life is seriously impacted by the degree of beauty, security, and health in my surroundings.

I have been concerned about climate change for several decades, and am especially worried right now, because I believe we are not achieving the goals established by the international community at the Paris meeting in 2015. It particularly irks me that New Hampshire does not provide incentives and measures which would reduce our state's contribution to the problem. All this impacts how secure I feel, because I know that New Hampshire is, like Vermont, vulnerable to flooding and, like other states, subject to sea level rise, to increases in infectious diseases, to fires and to more intense storms.

In 2009 and 2010, I obtained an energy audit on my house, in part to decrease my own contribution to the climate crisis and in part to experience cost savings and greater comfort in my home. I found this process impressive, in that it used state of the art technology to determine where my house was allowing in drafts and cold temperatures in winter. The findings from the audit led to recommendations on how to weatherize my house, and the cost to me, the consumer, was minimal. I was also encouraged to replace my oil burner with a gas boiler, and a very low interest loan was provided. All of this enhanced my enjoyment of my home and provided me with lower electricity and heating bills.

Currently, I am under the impression that a new audit of my house might be in order, as the technology has likely improved in the last thirteen years. I am therefore considering a new assessment and additional improvements to my home.

The state's utilities have gotten together to write a new plan for NHSaves, the program which makes these improvements so affordable to New Hampshire residents, businesses and municipalities. I have read the plan and heard from knowledgeable sources that it is a good one, but that there is a possibility the Public Utilities Commission will refrain from approving it. I think this would be very unwise. The program, as I experienced it in the past, was a major benefit for residents. I also understand that it can save money in various ways for the state. One way is that, by

decreasing emissions, such weatherization programs remove, not only carbon dioxide from the air, but also the pollutants that accompany such emissions. This would reduce health care expenses in the state. Moreover, it creates jobs for residents, who likely spend the money in our communities, because workers tend to live near these worksites. The program provides cost savings, not just for residents, but also for state and local governments as well as school districts.

We can simultaneously reduce our contribution to climate disruption and also make the lives of our residents healthier and more comfortable, while providing cost savings to towns and cities as well as school districts.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Laura Magzis