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I encourage the Commission to adopt the 2024-2026 NH Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan as submitted on June 30 by the state's electrical and gas utilities and before you now in Docket No. DE 23-068.

Having completed two 3-year terms on the City of Keene Energy Committee, I am quite familiar with NHSaves and the economic and other benefits its programs offer residents and businesses in our state. Energy-efficiency measures have long-documented positive return on investment, and the NHSaves programs' offerings provide significant savings over the lifetime of the installed energy-saving measures. Cost-savings accrue to all ratepayers in the NH, not only to participants in the programs, as demand reduction through energy efficiency shaves peak demand for heating fuels in the winter months and for electric cooling systems during our increasing high-heat summer days.

Other economic benefits to the state include supporting robust employment in the state. The delay in implementation of the proposed 2020 NH Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan and uncertainty about the future of programs in the state has clearly had a significant negative impact on businesses and contractors in the sector.

I also encourage you to accept the proposed Discount Rate of 2.78% calculated from the National Standards Practice Manual which provides NH a cost-effectiveness test based on a consistent framework for energy efficiency programs across the country.

Thank you for your attention,
Ann Shedd