

**From:** Mary Beth Raven  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:16 PM  
**To:** PUC: Clerks Office <clerksoffice@puc.nh.gov>  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** DE 23-068

**EXTERNAL: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.**

---

We are writing in support of DE 23-068 – The 2024-2026 NH Saves Energy Efficiency Program.

The town of Merrimack relies on the NHSaves program to offset energy costs. We have had energy audits done on our public buildings and have received rebates on energy efficient equipment that has been purchased.

Our business owners also rely on NHSaves; it is a valuable asset to our business community who wish to decrease energy costs.

In addition, our residents take advantage of the program with house energy audits, rebates and weatherization projects.

NHSaves generates \$2.98 worth of benefits for each \$1 spent in energy efficiency. This results in significant energy savings and incentivizes people and businesses to take steps to improve energy efficiency resulting in lower energy costs and reduced greenhouse emissions.

The more energy efficient we can be, the less we will need to fire up peaker plants like the Merrimack Generating Station in Bow. Over the last 5 years, ratepayers have paid over \$400 million just to keep that plant on stand-by. The Merrimack Generating Station only operates a few days a year. If we invest heavily in NHSaves and improve energy efficiency, it is possible to do away with the need to pay an enormous sum just to keep a peaker plant on stand-by. That would save everyone a great deal of money.

The NHSaves program provides increased benefits to residents and businesses while furthering the state's emissions-reduction goal (per the 2009 Climate action plan).

We heartily endorse maintaining and/or improving the NHSaves program.

Thank you very much for your time and attention,  
Members of the town of Merrimack's Energy Committee:  
Karen Contos -  
Mary Beth Raven -  
Wendy Thomas -  
Matthew Brown - --

Mary Beth