

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES

2024-2026 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan

Docket No. DE 23-XXX

**NH UTILITIES' JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2024-2026 NHSAVES
TRIENNIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN**

Pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 203.06 and RSA 374-F:3, VI-a(d)(5), New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; and Northern Utilities, Inc. (collectively, the "NH Utilities") hereby petition the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to approve the proposed 2024-2026 NHSaves Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan (the "Plan"), attached to this petition. In support of this petition, the NH Utilities state as follows:

1. On February 24, 2022, the Governor signed HB 549 into law, which modified RSA 374-F:3 to add a new section VI-a. RSA 374-F:3, VI-a(d)(5) states "[o]n July 1, 2023, the joint utilities shall petition the commission to approve changes to program offerings for the next 3-year period, consistent with the system benefits charge and local distribution adjustment charges described in subparagraph (2). The commission shall issue its order approving or denying a joint utility request to alter program offerings no later than November 30, 2023."
2. The NH Utilities had regular meetings over the last 13 months, consulting with the Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board, which includes the New Hampshire Department of

Energy, and other relevant stakeholders to seek feedback to help develop the Plan and ensure “programming and incentive payments [are set] at levels optimized to deliver ratepayer savings.” (RSA 374-F:3, VI-a(d)).

3. The portfolio of programs in the Plan meets the Granite State Test for cost benefit effectiveness, and also takes into account “the latest completed and available Avoided Energy Supply Cost Study for New England, the results of any Evaluation, Measurement, and Valuation studies contracted for by the department of energy or joint utilities” and “incorporate[s] savings impacts associated with free-ridership for those programs and measures where such free-ridership may have a material impact on savings figures” as directed by RSA 374-F:3, VI-a(d)(4).

4. As noted in the Plan’s Executive Summary, all changes to the Plan are largely budgetary or administrative, with program structure and offerings remaining largely unchanged. Changes include the creation of a dedicated Gas Municipal program instead of funding Gas municipal projects through C&I programs, conversion of the Active Demand Response pilots into full programs, targeted efforts for electric baseboard heat conversions, and the addition of a multi-family pathway within the Home Performance program. As the changes to the NHSaves programs from the existing programs, as reflected in the Plan, meet the requirements of RSA 374-F:3, VI-a, the NH Utilities respectfully request that the Commission review and approve the Plan on or before November 30, 2023, consistent with RSA 374-F:3, VI-a(d)(5).

WHEREFORE, the NH Utilities respectfully request that the Commission:


- A. Approve the Plan as proposed; and
- B. Grant any such further relief as may be just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource
Energy; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Liberty Utilities (Granite
State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth
Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; and Northern Utilities, Inc.;

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