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Via Electronic Mail Only

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: Docket No. DE 23-073, Low Income Electric Assistance Program
2023-2024 Electric Assistance Program Budgets
Statement of Position of Joint Utilities

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to the Commission's request included in the Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Hearing issued on August 25, 2023, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., and New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (collectively, the "Joint Utilities") submit this joint statement of position regarding the Electric Assistance Program ("EAP") budget filings in this proceeding.

The Joint Utilities support the EAP budget filings submitted in this docket, in particular their respective revised utility budgets¹ and the Community Action Program Revised 2023-2024 Electric Assistance Program Budget submitted on August 4, 2023. The Joint Utilities urge the Commission to approve the submitted budgets with a minimum of process and as soon as possible prior to October 1, 2023. The EAP programs provide critical support for the provision of essential electric service to New Hampshire residents with demonstrated need, and the importance of the continued provision of this program without disruption cannot be overstated.

As it is the Joint Utilities' understanding that no party is contesting approval of the submitted budgets, no objections are anticipated to be raised at or before the scheduled hearing. And each of the Joint Utilities plans to have a knowledgeable representative available to address questions regarding its budget filing and this joint statement of position during the September 21st hearing.

Consistent with current Commission policy, this filing is being made electronically only; paper copies will not follow. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

¹ NHEC did not file a revised budget as it does not anticipate that any budget changes will be needed as the result of the reallocation of EAP discounts approved in Order No. 26, 870.

Sincerely,

/s/ David K. Wiesner

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cc: DE 23-073 Service List