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Via Electronic Mail

Daniel Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: New Hampshire Electric Cooperative - Change to the Energy Efficiency Portion of the Systems Benefit Charge

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On behalf of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (“NHEC”), enclosed please find annotated and clean versions of NHEC’s tariff reflecting the change in the Energy Efficiency portion of the Systems Benefit Charge (the “EE Rate”). This filing is made pursuant to RSA 374-F:3, VI-a(d)(2) which reads as follows:

The energy efficiency portion of the system benefits charge and local distribution adjustment charges shall adjust annually beginning January 1, 2023, and shall be calculated using the most recently available 3-year average of the consumer price index (CPI-W) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor plus 0.25 percent all as calculated by the department of energy. Utilities subject to commission rate regulation shall submit tariff amendments altering solely the system benefits charge and local distribution adjustment charge as described, reconciled for over and under collections already occurred, as soon after the effective date of this subparagraph as possible, and every December 1 for the upcoming year thereafter.

As indicated in the foregoing statute, tariff amendments altering solely the SBC charge are to be made by “[u]tilities subject to commission rate regulation.” Notwithstanding that NHEC is not a utility subject to commission rate regulation, and is therefore not required to submit SBC tariff amendments, the instant filing is submitted in accordance with past NHEC practice.

The attached tariff pages contain the new EE Rate of \$0.00577 per kWh, replacing the existing EE Rate of \$0.00550 per kWh. No schedules are necessary to support the new EE Rate as it was prepared by the Department of Energy, consistent with the foregoing statute.

NHEC respectfully asks the Commission to approve the new tariff pages or to simply allow them to go into effect by operation of law by the passage of 30 days. If there are any questions about this filing, please contact me at clarkj@nhec.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jeremy Clark
Financial Planning, Analysis, and Rates Manager

Enclosures: NHEC Tariff Page 15 (clean and annotated)

cc: N.H. Department of Energy
Office of the Consumer Advocate