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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DE 23-073
Low Income Electric Assistance Program
2023-2024 Electric Assistance Program Budgets

To the Commission:

Please treat this letter as the response of the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") to the Commission's request that the parties file a statement of position on or before September 15, 2023, in anticipation of the adjudicative proceeding with a hearing scheduled for September 21, 2023.

Succinctly, the OCA supports the Electric Assistance Program ("EAP") budget filings in this proceeding and urges the Commission to approve the budget filings in advance of the next program year, starting on October 1, 2023. The OCA understands that the EAP provides critical support to New Hampshire residential ratepayers, and the OCA is sympathetic to the needs of our most vulnerable communities. Approval of the submitted budgets would help continue to alleviate some of that need due to the provision of essential electric service attributed to the EAP benefits.

We look forward to participating.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Crouse, Esq." with a horizontal line underneath.

Michael J. Crouse
Office of the Consumer Advocate
Staff Attorney

cc: Service List