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PUC Members

I applaud your use of funds for energy efficiency and source improvements in NH. The proposed expansion of fund uses are appropriate for an expanding fund resource.

I would encourage you to consider one additional use: The funding of residential and/or commercial plug-in equipment for recharging plug-in vehicles.

The first plug-in vehicles will be available in California this year and their production will be expanded throughout the coming 2-3 years for distribution throughout the US. We should expect hundreds to thousands of these vehicles to be in NH starting 2012. NH has yet done little to prepare for this transition.

Plug-in vehicles can be charged from standard [dumb] 110v or 220v x15a circuits. But operational and safety improvements can be realized with the smarter outlets being developed for these plug-in vehicles. These equipments will have a price associated with them and any assistance to encourage adoption of the equipment benefits a growing segment of the public.

I expect first locations for these smart charging equipment will be destination locations where 1-4+ hour parking is the norm [recharge time]: private residences, apartment complexes, shopping venues, and commuter parking.

The public benefits of electric drive for transportation are well documented: health, budgetary, economic, national security, military, and Climatic. Our National, State and local policies should encourage and enable this change toward a cleaner and more secure energy source, as well as encourage the establishment of a green industrial base.

I encourage you to consider use of Renewable Energy Funds for this purpose.

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