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New Hampshire's Statewide
Chamber of Commerce

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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Docket No. DE 20-092 2021-2023 Energy Efficiency Plan Proposed Settlement Agreement

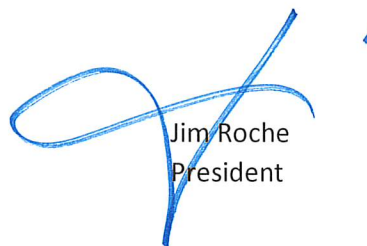
Dear Ms. Howland:

I'm writing on behalf of the Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire (BIA) to request the 2021-2023 Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan be postponed for at least a year rather than accept the proposed settlement agreement. Employers, large and small in all corners of the state, need time to recuperate from the ongoing coronavirus pandemic without trying to absorb higher energy costs.

As you know, the settlement agreement reduces the electricity savings goal in the original plan submission from 5% to 4.5% of 2019 electric sales and reduces the corresponding budget for Eversource's territory. The increase to system benefits charge (SBC) rates for Eversource customers was lowered from \$0.02432 per kilowatt hour (kWh) to \$0.01994 per kWh in 2023. That's still an increase of 168% over the 2020 SBC rate of \$0.00743 per kWh. SBC increases for the other utilities remain the same as originally proposed. These revised, proposed reductions do not go nearly far enough to alleviate the harm they will cause to New Hampshire employers.

Again, BIA asks that the PUC postpone implementation of the 2021-2023 Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan and all corresponding SBC increases for at least a year until we see our way out of this pandemic.

Best Regards,



Jim Roche
President

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Senator Chuck Morse
Senator Donna Soucy
Speaker Richard Hinch
Representative Renny Cushing

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