

I'm writing to alert the PUC to a possible conflict of interest. I refer to the letter of November 20, 2020 sent to you by the Republican members of the Science, Technology and energy Committee of the NH House, urging the PUC to postpone implementation of the 2021-2023 Energy Efficiency Plan, citing the pandemic as an economic factor.

I note that the key signatory of the letter was Rep. Michael Harrington of Strafford and also includes current Chair Rep. Michael Vose of Epping.

Messrs. Harrington and Vose are not neutral in this endeavor. They are closely allied with The New England Ratepayer's Association (NERA) and the Ratepayers' Legal Defense Fund (RLDF). Both of these entities, according to consumer advocate Public Citizen and others, are corporate trade associations, rather than household ratepayer-rights organizations. Representatives Vose and Harrington serve as members of RLDF's Board of Directors.

While in the content of the letter, the authors state appreciation for the effort made by the EESE Board and the PUC to create the plan, their resistance to such a plan predates the pandemic, as a cursory look at their legislative work would reveal.

Given their conflict of interest and their pre-existing prejudice, their pleading to influence your decision-making should not be taken seriously.

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