

April 11, 2021

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

Re: Docket No. DE 20-092
2021-2023 New Hampshire Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan

Dear Ms. Howland,

I urge approval of the 2021-2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan (TEEP). It's time to move forward with TEEP. Delay makes no sense, especially, in light of the state's economy and reopening, the federal monies made available to businesses in 2020, and the American Rescue Plan (2021).

Further delay in the Plan's approval would further impede ratepayer and economic benefits for the state. Investing in energy efficiency supports the N.H. economy; it creates local jobs, saves ratepayers money, and helps keep our energy-related investments in the state. As a member of the citizens' group Kearsarge Climate Action, I have seen the NHSaves program's benefits and would like to see the program continue and expand so that it can assist more residents and small businesses.

There is no reason for New Hampshire to lag behind our neighboring states in energy efficiency, as it is. See the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy article: "Halt To Progress Of Utility Efficiency Programs Could Rob New Hampshire Of Economic Boost" (January 2021)¹.

In addition to supporting green-jobs in NH, we have a responsibility to take climate-related action to reduce global warming and reduce carbon emissions. Improving energy efficiency is a critical component in the climate solutions toolbox.

I urge the passage of TEEP for 2021-2023 and continuation and expansion of NHSaves.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.aceee.org/blog-post/2021/01/halt-progress-utility-efficiency-programs-could-rob-new-hampshire-economic-boost>