



City of Keene
New Hampshire

May 12, 2021

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301
Via Electronic Mail Only

RE: DE 20-092, Electric and Gas Utilities, 2021-2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Keene's Energy and Climate Committee and we respectfully we urge you to finalize approval of the New Hampshire Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan and Budgets (2021-2023).

Our ECC committee has recently completed, and in January our City Council unanimously approved, a 2021 Sustainable Energy Plan which will help our community transition to 100% renewable energy for electricity by 2030 and for thermal and transportation uses by 2050. The first of four pathways in this plan is to **reduce energy use**:

“By reducing community-wide energy use, Keene will reduce the amount of both nonrenewable and renewable resources consumed in the City.”

We realized that our energy plan cannot succeed unless we strongly emphasize energy conservation. Approval of DE 20-092 would help us move in this direction. I know from personal experience that rebates from Eversource were instrumental when my company, Filtrine Manufacturing Company, decided to upgrade lighting, air compressors, etc. to more efficient models over the years. The rebates improved our return on investment. Filtrine also utilized NH Saves to weatherize three rental properties and we were impressed with the results.

Another tenant of Keene's Energy Plan is to make sure that it is equitable for all economic strata. Weatherization programs are most important to low-income residents where heating and electric bills consume a proportionately larger part of their income. We are planning an extensive weatherization program in Keene but without your approval of the Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan, we hesitate to start such a program. Please consider our request and issue final approval.

Respectfully,

Peter D. Hansel, Chair

City of Keene Energy and Climate Committee