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NH Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit St, Suite 18  
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

December 28, 2021

Re: Order 26,553 on energy efficiency programs

Dear Commissioners,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Town of Gilmanon Energy Committee and urge you to reverse your November 12 decision undermining energy efficiency. Contrary to the energy efficiency plan advanced by the utilities, leading business, and conservationists, the PUC has struck down years of demonstrated effectiveness and progress in energy efficiency investments in New Hampshire. This is a great blow to our work here in Gilmanon to save energy and tax dollars.

This past year, the town invested in professional energy audits of our municipal buildings. Based on these findings, the Gilmanon Energy Committee has prepared a warrant article for the voters to consider in March, 2022. We have proposed \$57,370 in energy efficiency measures including insulation, air sealing, and more efficient heating and cooling systems. The potential energy efficiency rebates calculated for us by our local utility would have been \$19.033. We were counting on these rebates, but instead the program is on ice. The decision by the PUC will roll back the NHSaves program, a vital incentive to towns like ours. It looks like our town will have to dramatically reduce the energy and tax dollars that we can save through energy efficiency investments.

This is a blow to our NH communities and especially our low-income residents. It will make our future electricity more expensive for everyone. The cheapest way to supply more electricity is through conservation. The PUC order creates a climate of volatility and uncertainty and makes it extremely difficult for municipalities and small businesses to plan for their energy futures. Please restore the NHSaves program immediately.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nate Abbott, Chair  
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