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Via electronic mail only

Dianne Martin, Chair New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: Docket No. DE 21-133 – Joint Petition for Approval of the 2021-2022 Electric Assistance Program Budgets

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; and New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Chair Martin:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; and New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Joint Utilities") submit to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") the following statement of support as a response to the Department of Energy ("DOE") recommendation regarding the Electric Assistance Program ("EAP") budgets for the 2021-2022 program year.

Both the EAP Advisory Board and DOE recommend adopting all EAP budgets as submitted in July and August by each of the Joint Utilities as well as the Community Action Agencies. As both recommendations agree as to all issues, leaving no issue contested, the Joint Utilities respectfully request that no further process is needed on this matter. Given the agreement of all parties on all open issues, the Joint Utilities suggest that this matter can be resolved by Commission approval of the EAP budgets through Order *nisi*.

The Joint Utilities appreciate the Commission's prompt consideration of this matter. Consistent with current Commission policy this response is being filed electronically only; paper copies will not follow.

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Thank you.

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cc: DE 21-113 service list o/b/o the Joint Utilities