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Mr. Daniel Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: PUC Docket No. DE 23-068, 2024-2026 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan

Dear Chairman Goldner:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Concord to express our support for the 2024-2026 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan currently under consideration in NH PUC Docket No. DE 23-068. The City respectfully requests the Commission approve the plan as filed by the State's electric and gas utilities to ensure stability for the State's energy efficiency programs.

In July 2018, Concord City Council adopted a 100% renewable energy goal for the entire community. Measures already implemented or underway include municipal energy efficiency upgrades, installation of LED lighting for 2,100 streetlights, and municipal solar energy projects. Concord is a member of ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, and has signed on to the Climate Mayors Agreement, and the UN Race to Zero. The City's Energy and Environment Advisory Committee is working with City staff to explore the possibility of adopting a Community Power program, as well as to develop a weatherize and a solarize initiative for 2024 and 2025. These programs will assist the community and City in reaching the ambitious renewable energy goals that have been adopted by the Concord City Council. Programs such as NH Saves will provide valuable support in achieving these goals.

In addition to assisting with achieving established energy goals, the proposed energy efficiency programs filed by the utilities provide financial benefits to Concord's local businesses and residents. With energy prices increasing at unpredictable rates, Concord residents and business owners are challenged financially to meet their energy needs. These programs will provide certainty for tax payers to budget and plan for energy efficiency upgrades, allowing them to save money over time.

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The City of Concord respectfully requests that the Commission approve the 2024-2026 triennial energy efficiency plan, as proposed by the joint utilities, to ensure stability for energy efficiency funding and programs for Concord tax-payers to save money and move forward towards energy efficiency goals. Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Aspell, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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