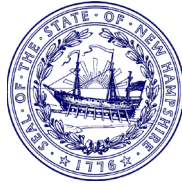


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November 2, 2023

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Re: Docket No. DE 23-073  
2023 - 2024 Electric Assistance Program Budgets  
Tariff Pages: 1st rev pg 24  
Tariff No. 21  
Effective Date: October 1, 2023

Dear Attorney Sheehan:

Employees of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission have reviewed the tariff filing received on August 23, 2023, and revised on August 24, September 8, and September 14, 2023, in the above-captioned proceeding and confirm compliance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 1600. A copy of this letter is being entered into the docket and the tariff filing will be placed in our permanent file.

In accordance with the Secretarial letter issued March 17, 2020, this letter will be filed electronically only at this time. I have attached a date-stamped copy of the filed tariff page to the email to the service list and can send a physical copy upon request.

Please e-mail me at [tariffs@puc.nh.gov](mailto:tariffs@puc.nh.gov) if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Ben Martin-McDonough*

Ben Martin-McDonough  
Tariff Administrator

cc: Service List

Bills for charges associated with meter diversions will be rendered as soon as possible after completion of the work.

#### 44. Electric Assistance Program

Customers served under Rate Schedules D, D-10, D-11, and T of Granite State Electric Company ("the Company") may be eligible to receive discounts pursuant to the Company's Electric Assistance Program. Customers participating in the Electric Assistance Program will continue to take service pursuant to their respective Rate Schedules, but will receive a percent discount off of the total amount billed for the first 750 kWh consumed per month, exclusive of the Electricity Consumption Tax and the Water Heater Rental fee, under such Rate Schedules. Discounts provided under the Electric Assistance Program are identified below and shall be funded by the System Benefits Charge in accordance with the System Benefits Charge Provision included on Page 22 of this tariff.

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Percentage of NH State's Median Income (SMI) & Federal		
<u>Tier</u>	<u>Poverty Guidelines (FPG)</u>	<u>Discount</u>
1	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2	151 (FPG) -60 (SMI)	5%
3	126 (FPG) -150 (FPG)	19%
4	101 (FPG) -125 (FPG)	36%
5	76 (FPG) -100 (FPG)	54%
6	0 (FPG) -75 (FPG)	86%

Eligibility criteria and benefit levels shall be based upon Federal Poverty Guidelines and are stated above for each tier. Community Action Agencies of New Hampshire shall be responsible for certifying customer qualification in the Electric Assistance Program and shall notify the Company of a customer's enrollment into the Electric Assistance Program and the applicable tier that would determine the discount that the Company should apply.

Effective December 26, 2019, the income eligibility for participation in the Electric Assistance Program is at or below 60% of the New Hampshire state median income.

The availability of the Electric Assistance Program shall be subject to approval by the Public Commission.

Issued: September 14, 2023

Issued by: /s/ Neil Proudman

Neil Proudman

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Title: President

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