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Daniel Goldner, Chairman NH Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit, Street Concord, NH 03301

RE: DE 23-073-Electric Assistance Program 2023-2024 Program Year Administrative Budgets

## Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Electric Assistance Program Advisory Board (Advisory Board), comprised of representatives from the Department of Energy, the four electric utilities, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Community Action Agencies, the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators Association, and NH Legal Assistance, has reviewed the administrative budgets for the upcoming Electric Assistance Program (EAP) program year and supports the Department of Energy's recommendation that the Commission approve the budgets as submitted.

The total proposed EAP administrative budget for the 2023 – 2024 EAP program year is 0.58% lower than the administrative budget for the 2022-2023 EAP program year. See below.

| EAP PY                | CAA Budget  | Utility Budget | Total Budget |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 2023 - 2024           | \$2,091,664 | \$17,088       | \$2,108,752  |
| 2022 - 2023           | \$2,068,761 | \$52,283       | \$2,121,044  |
| Change over 2022-2023 | 1.11%       | (67%)          | (0.58%)      |

The Advisory Board supports the Department's position that the budgets represent expenses that would be reasonably incurred in the administration of the EAP and urges the Commission to approve the budgets expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Isl Amanda O. Noonan

Amanda O. Noonan for the EAP Advisory Board

cc: EAP Advisory Board