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Via Electronic Mail

Daniel Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: DE 24-072 Request for Approval of Bristol Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan

Dear Chairman Goldner:

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative ("NHEC" or "the Cooperative") provides the following comments on the Bristol Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan filed by the Town of Bristol in this docket on May 7, 2024, consistent with the requirement of RSA 53-E:7, 11 and the May 13, 2024 Order of Notice in this docket requiring utility comments on such a plan be filed within 21 days of submission of that plan.

The Cooperative fully supports the development of Community Power Aggregations ("CPAs") and believes that they can be a powerful tool for providing "access to competitive markets for supplies of electricity and related services" and for encouraging "voluntary, cost effective and innovative solutions to local needs" as articulated in the statement of purpose in RSA 53-E:1. The Cooperative also strongly supports the ability of our members to access competitive supply options and was an early adopter of retail choice in New Hampshire.

NHEC was included in the e-mail distribution list for the Request for Approval of Bristol Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan on May 7, 2024. However, the Bristol Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan filed on that date makes no mention of NHEC. Page 1 of the plan states, "Prior to launch of Bristol Community Power, all eligible customers will be mailed notifications and provided the opportunity to "opt-out" or "opt-in" to the program, depending on whether they currently are on default service provided by Eversource or take service from a Competitive Electric Power Supplier."

NHEC serves 251 accounts in the Town of Bristol.

NHEC requests clarification as to if its members are subject to Bristol Community Power, and if so, whether it will be on an "opt-out" or "opt-in" basis.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at clarkj@nhec.com. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Clark

Financial Planning, Analysis, and Rates Manager

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